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March 28, 1869

October 4, 1941

THE LAST MILE

*When I am gone, will those I love recall
A voice, now silent? Will the afterglow
Of memory like golden twilight fall
Upon the treasured hours of long ago?*

*Life is a changing scene, the tie that binds
A tender leaf upon a summering tree,
A blossom, scattered by autumnal winds
A wave, soon lost on the eternal sea.*

*Bright be the sunset, when the day is done,
And may the wanderer, struggling on alone,
See home lights burning as he comes to One
Who evermore is mindful of His own.*

—Andreas Bard

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CALENDAR OF CAUSES
THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

Month or Day	Cause	Board or Agency
September	Parish Education	Parish and Church School Board
October	Social Missions	Board of Social Missions
November	Stewardship	Lutheran Laymen's Movement
December	Christian Ministry, Bd. of Ministerial Pensions and Relief	
January	Foreign Missions	Board of Foreign Missions
February	American Missions	Board of American Missions
April	Christian Higher Education	Board of Education
May	World Lutheranism	Lutheran World Convention
June	Deaconess Work	Board of Deaconess Work

TWO MILLION DOLLAR INCOME OBJECTIVE OF THE
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR 1942-43

	Percentage
Board of Foreign Missions	30.00
Board of American Missions	36.50
Board of Education	9.45
Board of Social Missions	2.00
Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief	12.64
Board of Deaconess Work	2.45
Parish and Church School Board	1.22
National Lutheran Council	1.24
American Bible Society	.25
United Lutheran Church Treasury	4.24
	100.00%

APPORTIONMENT BUDGET OF THE KANSAS SYNOD, 1942

United Lutheran Church Treasury	\$2.50
Midland College	.85
Synodical Home Missions	.40
Tabitha Home	.25
Kansas Synod Lutheran	.15
Ministerial Education	.25
Synodical Treasury	.60
TOTAL	\$5.00

The 1942 Apportionment Table

Basis: \$5.00 per Communicant Member

Congregation	Communing Membership	Total Apportm't
Abilene, Trinity	214	\$ 1,070
Atchison, St. Mark's	358	1,790
Beloit, Zion	98	490
Bendena, St. John's	186	930
Bunkerhill, Mt. Zion	40	200
Chapman, Sherer Memorial	60	300
Cole Camp, United	82	410
Emporia, St. Mark's	149	745
Eureka, Christ's	131	655
Fort Smith, St. Luke's	94	470
Glasco, St. Paul's	129	645
Greenleaf, Trinity	74	370
Greenleaf, St. Paul's	54	270
Hays, Trinity	115	575
Hutchison, Zion	180	900
Kansas City, Children's Memorial	195	975
Kansas City, St. Mark's	260	1,300
Kansas City, Trinity	217	1,085
Lancaster, St. John's	70	350
Langdon, St. Peter's	117	585
Lawrence, Trinity	436	2,180
Long Island, St. Paul's	15	75
New Cambria, Peace	50	250
New Cambria, St. Paul's	30	150
Norcatour, St. Mark's		
Oklahoma City, First	250	1,250
Peabody, St. Paul's	141	705
Perth, St. James'	30	150
Rockport, First	209	1,045
Salina, St. John's	733	3,665
Sedalia, Trinity	92	460
St. Joseph, First	543	2,715
Topeka, First	215	1,075
Tulsa, First	269	1,345
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	62	310
Wakeeney, Bethlehem	127	635
Waterville, First	26	130
Waterville, St. Mark's	134	670
Wellington, St. John's	47	235
Wichita, St. Paul's	423	2,115
Wilson, Excelsior	75	375
Totals	6,730	\$33,650

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CLAIMS—J. E. Olson, L. T. Bang.

Place of Next Convention—The Secretary.

DISCIPLINE—Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D.D., Ch.; Rev. Robert Gaston, Rev. S. A. Ham-

rick, Rev. A. W. Malin, Rev. K. deFreese, D.D., I. W. Thomas, W. C. Mil-

ler. Rev. A. J. Beil, prosecutor; Rev. B. R. Lantz, D. D., counsel for defendant.

ROLL OF SYNOD

PASTOR AND ADDRESS	Ordained	Church or Position	Lay Delegate
Hard, Andreas, D.D., Litt.D., 3743 Harrison, K. C., Mo.	1891 St. Mark's		
Bel, Alfred J., 18 East 13th, Lawrence, Kansas	1923 Trinity		
Bergstresser, Filled, D.D., 514 N.W. 3d, Abilene, Kansas	1893 Trinity		
Close, Paul B., Valley Falls, Kansas	1942 St. Paul's		D. M. Ward
deFreese, K., D.D., Peabody, Kansas	1916 St. Paul's		
Ehrig, O. W., D.D., Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska	1919 Tabitha Home		Ed Wrench
Eller, George W., 613 Mill, Beloit, Kansas	1945 Zion		
Ensrud, Lt. Col. J. O., Office Ch. of Chaplains, Wash. D.C.	1912 Chaplain		
Gaston, Robert E., Bendena, Kansas	1980 St. John's		A. F. Albers
Gilmer, E. H., New Cambridge, Kansas	1911 Peace St. Paul's		Louis Donmeyer
Gilmer, Max, Kansas	1935 Zion-Excelsior		
Groseclose, A. L., 810 N. Mich. Ave., Pasadena, Cal. (ret)	1911		
Hamrick, S. A., 901 S. 5th, Atchison, Kansas	1932 St. Mark's		J. E. Olson
Harrison, E. R., 1015 N. Washington, Hutchinson, Kansas	1932 Zion		A. G. Schenke
Havkost, Alvin D., 1207 Fort St., Hays, Kansas	1935 Trinity		A. F. Swanson
Kerretter, Robert D., 310 S. 10th St., St. Joseph, Mo.	1939 First		I. W. Thomas
Klover, W. Wilbur, 624 S. 10th St., St. Joseph, Mo.	1931 Trinity		W. C. Miller
Lantz, B. R., D.D., 310 S. 7th St., Salina, Kansas	1898 St. John's		E. E. Harvey, M.D.
Malin, A. W., Lancaster, Kansas	1932 St. John's		Fred Kloepper
McConnell, D. L., Rockport, Mo.	1914 First St. Peter's		Eugene Cooper
McCulloch, J. A., D.D., 2710 Blue Ridge Blvd., K. C., Mo.	1897 Children's Memorial		Martin Ericson
Messer, J. Ernest, Greenleaf, Kansas	1932 Trinity St. Paul's		Charles Harkness
Miller, Paul, 412 S. 2nd St., Olathe, Mo.	1928 Trinity United		Q. A. Morgan
Moeller, Walter H., 1916 S. 5th St., Springfield, Ill.	1931 Board American Missions		
Mykland, G. K., Chapman, Kansas	1911 Shearer Memorial		Ira T. Koogle
Parsons, Robert E., 848 N. 2nd St., Topeka, Kansas	1929 Christ's		T. C. Forbes
Ranzler, Ralph E., 5th and Harrison, Topeka, Kansas	1919 First		Wayne Easterday
Schaub, G. C., Ph.D., Waterville, Kansas	1898 Bethlehem (Supply)		
Search, George L., Waterville, Kansas	1932 St. Mark's First		Lyman Adams
Stauffer, E. E., D.D., 839 N. Market, Wichita, Kansas	1897 St. Paul's		H. L. Wortz
Swihart, C. N., D.D., RFD 2, Box 240, Okla. City (P. em.)	1902		
Toung, Ernest F., 206 W. 7th St., Hays, Kan. (P. em.)	1936 St. John's		Frank Berg
Weist, C. F., D.D., 503 W. 7th St., Tulsa, Okla.	1898		
Whittcar, George R., 324 W. 5th St., Fort Smith, Ark.	1935 First		Gustav Brandborg
Zabel, Norbert, May at Alabama St., Fort Smith, Ark.	1939 St. Luke's		N. B. Slack

MINUTES

of the
**SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT
STATES**

**Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas
April 13-16, 1942**

The Service of Holy Communion

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was opened with the Service of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, Monday evening, April 13, 1942. The Rev. George R. Whittecar, Secretary, read the service, and the Rev. W. Wilbur Klover, President, preached the sermon, "The Empty Cup Filled." Mr. Louis T. Bang, Treasurer, assisted in the chancel. Delegates and visitors participated in the Communion.

The First Session, April 14, 1942

The Convention met at 8:45 a.m. for a devotional service led by the Chaplain, the Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler. The President conducted the Order for the Opening of Synods, declaring the convention officially opened.

The President called the convention to order.

Lay delegates were introduced by the conference presidents and were enrolled. Conference presidents were directed to check the attendance of the members of the Synod and the lay delegates on forms provided and to report such records to the Secretary.

A motion to adopt the program as printed in the convention bulletin as the order of business for the convention was made, seconded and carried.

The convention boundary was designated as the first five pews on either side of the church.

The Secretary announced the personnel of the convention committees as appointed by the President.

The following special guests were introduced and made advisory members of the Synod for this convention: The Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, D.D., Ph.D., supply pastor at Wellington, and Mr. John H. Shirk, attorney, Oklahoma City.

The Report of the President was presented, as follows:

Report of the President

Fathers and Brethren of the Synod:

Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

On this seventy-fourth anniversary convention date we meet in Zion Lutheran Church here in Hutchinson, where but ten years ago Pastors E. R. Harrison, G. L. Search and A. W. Malin "took holy orders" and were ordained to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Again in this same Church at an appropriate place during the convention another servant Mr. Paul Close will be set aside for full time Christian service through the rite of ordination.

The ever increasing tempo of daily living, coupled with attending problems, has likewise contributed to the complicated problem of mustering sufficient time, talent and energies with which to meet exigencies arising in recent months as those situations have been and are related to the president of the Synod. Since your president is also the pastor of a mission congregation which is committed not only to a definite "pay off" policy on amortization, but also bound to a program of self-support by 1952, I have found it awkward at times to serve both the Synod and my congregation efficiently. In this same vein I have been forced to augment my office with help when the burdens became too heavy, and have drawn from the synodical treasury for this purpose. Travel, office help and other assistance, postage, telephone and telegraph service and supplies have cost the Synod \$360.13. When synodical problems demanded an unusual amount of time and energy, my parish has been forced to make a corresponding sacrifice. And, needless to say, even the pastor takes a loss, because he doesn't want the expense to appear too large, especially since the Synod has no definite policy of off-setting the president's expenses except as they arise and are paid by the treasurer. To relieve the awkwardness of such an arrangement I sometimes feel that some of the past presidents were justified in suggesting and asking for a more definite understanding on this matter. In more recent years, at least one past president was provided a parish worker, and Brethren and Fathers, he deserved this assistance! This synod stands on intermediate ground in that it is too small to support a full-time president, and too large to use a regular pastor whose first love ought to be his parish.

I reserve the right to withhold from publication certain matters that have come to my attention since taking on the presidency, deeming such instances in the light of confessions and to be held in strict confidence. The mere recitation of this would, in addition, entail much time were I to betray what I consider a sacred trust. On the other hand, I submit the following brief outline of information regarding my activities as evidence of a very busy half-term:

April 21 to July 1—Completed my work as the retiring secretary

of the synod, the work being concerned chiefly with the editing and the publishing of the Minutes for the 1941 convention.

April 23—Confirmed Dr. Bard's appointment of Rev. G. K. Mykland to install Rev. A. D. Havekost as the new pastor of Trinity, Hays.

April 25—Directed Secretary Whittecar to promote the cause of the "Service Men's Division" of the National Lutheran Council, the offerings to be received on or about Mother's Day, 1941.

April 25—Replied to a message from President John C. Hershey of the Nebraska Synod relative to our own Synod's disposition with regards to the proposal to merge synods on this midwestern territory.

April 28-29—Attended the convention of the Nebraska Synod at Hooper, Nebraska, officially representing this synod.

April 30—Instructed Pastor Mykland to serve as the fraternal delegate to the convention of the Midwest Synod.

May 5—Attended the meeting of the Executive Committee at Emporia, and also assisted in the organization of the Home Missions committee.

May 15—Visited the Wichita field with Dr. E. E. Stauffer in preparation for a survey by the Board of American Missions.

May 22—Conferred with Pastor S. A. Hamrick at Atchison relative to synodical missions, and then drove to Bendena to confer with Pastor R. E. Gaston about the parish at Valley Falls, and also to discuss the nature of the problem in the Bendena parish with reference to a former pastor, the Rev. Joseph W. Peterson.

June 2—Received word of Dr. O. W. Ebright's resignation from St. Mark's, Emporia, and his intention of serving Tabitha Home as the superintendent.

June 22—Conferred with several pastors at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga relative to personal matters.

June 24—Spent the afternoon with Mr. Paul Close in my office at which time I counselled with him about the work at Valley Falls. Pastor Hamrick had succeeded in securing the services of this seminary student to do supply work in that parish. We felt the need of a license for Mr. Close so I proceeded to examine him. Rev. Hamrick had done so on a previous occasion. I therefore, after finding him worthy, instructed the Secretary to sign with me a license, the same to expire September 1, 1941.

June 24—Released Pastor Hamrick from his assignment (made by Dr. Bard) to assist in the solution of several problems in the Valley Falls parish.

July 1—Secretary Whittecar and I discussed various problems of the Synod, the conference being held in my office.

July 8—Conferred with Mr. Louis T. Bang in Emporia concerning several urgent matters such as expenses for committees and how best to avoid crises in certain congregations.

July 8—Met and counselled with the Emporia vestry following the resignation of Dr. Ebright.

July 20-25—Attended the annual Luther League camp-convention at Wa-Shun-Ga where I served as an instructor and also made myself available for conferences.

July 28—Instructed Rev. R. E. Gaston, president of the Eastern Conference, to negotiate plans whereby the Valley Falls congregation might have the services of Mr. Paul Close during the school year of 1941-1942, and if mutual agreement favored, to look forward to a call.

August 1—Conferred with several Augustana pastors at Wa-Shun-Ga urging them to continue the use of our camp, especially in 1942.

August 4-9—Attended the training school for the missionaries of the Board of American Missions at Lake Wawasee, Indiana. Pastors Zabel and Harrison were also enrolled.

August 12—Enjoyed an informal visit with Dr. G. C. Schaub where he serves on a "far-flung battle line," the Wakeeney field, as a special agent for our Home Missions committee.

August 18—Appointed Dr. Andreas Bard to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Ebright on the Home Missions Committee, the same approved by members of the Executive Committee.

September 2—Went to Atchison where I conferred with Pastor Hamrick regarding the missions of the synod. . . . Conferred with Rev. Gaston concerning the urgent matter of the relationship between his congregation and Rev. Joseph W. Peterson, a former pastor. The difficulty involved complete settlement of an obligation in favor of Rev. Peterson.

September 3—Appointed Rev. Mykland to represent the Synod at the congregational meeting of the Bendena parish to be held September 9th, at which time Rev. Peterson expected to be present.

September 3—Instructed Pastor Harrison to work in conference and counsel with the Secretary and the Historian in an effort to bring the constitution up to date, since the instrument is to be published in 1942.

September 6—Instructed Secretary Whittecar to conclude the case of Mr. Edward T. Bollinger, former pastor at Bunkerhill and Wilson.

September 7-13—These days were involved in the travel and attendance at the biennial conference of presidents at Harrisburg, Pa., and a meeting in New York City with Dr. Zenan M. Corbe.

September 14-16—These days were concerned with a visit to Oklahoma City in company with Rev. Whittecar. Contact was made with Pastor Bloch as representative of one group within the congregation, and with two laymen, representatives of another group. The contacts were made following an urgent letter and telephone calls earlier in the month.

September 23—Attended the Western Conference meeting of the Women's Missionary Society at Waterville and held conferences with the pastors of that part of the synod.

October 5—Appointed Dr. B. R. Lantz to represent the synod at the funeral service for Dr. Newton Royer of Oklahoma City, the same to be the next day. Pastor Bloch had notified me of Dr. Royer's death on the previous day.

October 5—Installed Pastor Ernest F. Tonsing as the new minister of St. Mark's, Emporia.

October 6—Attended the meeting of the Executive Committee in Emporia.

October 6—Conferred with the vestry of the Wellington congregation with respect to a new pastor, and instructed Secretary Whittecar to look after the interests of the parish until the vacancy is filled.

October 4—Was notified of Pastor C. C. Warfel's resignation as associate pastor of Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., in order to accept a call at Nokomis, Illinois.

October 11—Instructed Pastor Search to look after the property interests at Long Island.

October 12—Counselled with Mr. Paul Close with respect to the work at Valley Falls.

October 13—Issued a new license to Paul Close, the same to expire at the time of the synodical convention, 1942.

October 16—Formally dismissed Rev. Warfel to the Illinois synod.

October 21—Attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

October 23—Met with Dr. A. M. Knudsen and Pastor Hamrick in Kansas City regarding the possibility of developing new missions fields.

October 24—Authorized Secretary Whittecar to promote the cause of the National Lutheran Council with respect to a financial campaign following Easter of 1942, the offerings to be for the "Service Men's Division" and orphaned missions. . . . Also instructed Rev. Whittecar to assist Rev. Havekost in promoting "work with students."

October 27-28—Attended the regular meeting of the Eastern Conference at Lancaster.

October 30—Attended a meeting of the Home Missions Committee Wichita.

November 13—Attended the joint committee meeting on merger of synods at Kansas City. Mr. Bang and Rev. Whittecar also were present.

November 15—Communicated with every pastor of the Synod with respect to full support to apportionment and inclosed letters from President Knubel regarding increases in salaries.

December 2—Addressed the congregation of Zion Church, Hutchinson, on the occasion of the fifty-third anniversary.

December 10—Met with the staff of Dr. Greever's office, together with Statistician Easterday and Secretary Whittecar, to consider the adoption of new record forms to be used by congregations and synods. The meeting was held in Kansas City.

December 11—Rev. Peterson agreed to final settlement with respect to difficulty with the Bendena congregation, and the matter was concluded shortly thereafter.

December 20—Named Pastors Beil, Search and Tonsing to work with Rev. Whittecar in promoting the cause of the National Lutheran Council.

December 27—Took initial steps to call a meeting in Topeka of representatives of national Lutheran bodies on this territory for the purpose of organizing the "Topeka Regional Home Missions Council."

December 30—Visited at the Abilene parsonage upon learning of the illness of Dr. Fuller Bergstrasser and offered the assistance of the synod as the need might require.

January 3—Appointed Pastor Search to look after the interests of the Glasco church in view of Rev. Englehardt's impending resignation.

January 4—Sent official greetings to Children's Memorial Church on the occasion of the dedication of the new building at which time Rev. H. J. McGuire, a former pastor, was the main speaker.

January 5—In keeping with a request from Mr. H. Torrey Walker of the Board of Publication, I named a synodical committee on "publications" composed of Pastors Tonsing and J. E. Messer.

January 12—Attended the meeting of the Executive Committee, Emporia.

January 12—In keeping with the action of the Executive Committee named Pastors Beil, Whittecar and Harrison as the committee to visit the Oklahoma City parish to ascertain the facts related to the unhappy situation in that congregation.

January 15—Presided at a meeting of representatives from national Lutheran bodies on this territory to organize the "Topeka Regional Home Missions Council." Pastor Hamrick was chosen as the president. We were appointed by President Knubel, as were the other representatives selected by their respective presidents. The purpose of the regional council is to promote home missions on a cooperative basis.

January 17—Received a communication from President Armin Weng of the Illinois Synod urging our synod, together with other interested synods on this midwestern territory, to consider the possibility of merging theological educational endeavors with the Chicago Seminary. Because the invitation seemed timely I named Dr. Stauffer to represent the synod at proposed conferences where the seminary issued could be studied. I further instructed Dr. Stauffer to hold himself in readiness to report to the 1942 convention should the studies of joint parties seem wise and worthy of consideration by the delegates.

January 21-23—These dates were involved with the visit in the Oklahoma City parish with reference to the action of the Executive Committee as of January 12th.

January 25—Preached at the conclusion of the dedication festival at Children's Memorial Church.

February 10—Presided at the meeting of the Executive Committee, St. Mark's Church, Kansas City, Mo., at which time the committee studied the report of the Oklahoma City committee, and considered other related matters, and also took action relative to the convention plans and attended to other urgent business.

February 15—Pastor Englehardt resigned at Glasco to serve in the Michigan synod.

February 17—Upon receipt of information that the Pastor and a portion of the members of First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City would attempt to secede from the Synod at a special meeting the next day, I dispatched Pastors Harrison and Whittecar to represent the Synod. Up to this date neither the Pastor nor any representative had conferred with the officials of the Synod with respect to severing organic relationship with this Synod. On the previous day I had addressed a letter to Pastor Bloch urging him to reconsider such a contemplated move.

February 18—Received word of the "revolt" of Pastor Bloch and some 94 members of the Oklahoma City congregation. The action was intended to break off relations with this synod and to unite with the Midwest Synod. Upon receipt of more detailed information of this situation I immediately protested to President Goede of the Midwest Synod, to President Knubel and to Pastor Bloch, stating that I could not recognize this action as valid. Telephone calls and letters were many during and following this event.

February 21-27—These dates were given entirely to the Oklahoma City situation. I was on the field Feb. 21-24, at which time I sought a legal opinion as to the merit of the Ash Wednesday meeting. From the standpoint of civil law it appeared that that meeting could be declared null and void on at least two counts, namely: (1) Illegally called, inasmuch as the "purpose" was omitted when "unusual" action was contemplated; and (2.) Any action taken null and void since the main party, our Synod as a corporation related to the corporation of the congregation, was not consulted, neither was approval given to sever relationship. I also received the resignation of L. A. Swanson, Oklahoma City, as a member of the Executive Committee. Rev. Bloch refused to discuss developments with me. In the face of such urgent and unusual matters, I summoned the members of the Executive Committee to meet in special session at Emporia on February 26th to consider and take whatever action was deemed essential in regards to this entire situation. On February 25 I sought pastoral advice in Wichita. On February 26, the Executive Committee met in special session at my call to consider this situation.

March 2-3—Returned to Oklahoma City in the interests of doing things necessary to realize the resolutions and actions of the Executive Committee as of Feb. 26th.

March 4—Addressed the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Kansas City.

March 5—Received a set of accusations lodged against Rev. Bloch the same filed by three pastors, namely Beil, Whittecar and Harrison. Rev. Bloch was immediately cited to appear before a committee on Investigation in Wichita, March 17th, according to procedure as set forth in Article Nine of the synod's constitution and by-laws. The committee named included Pastors G. L. Search, Ernest F. Tonsing and D. L. McConnell.

March 6—Appointed Rev. R. E. Rangeler as the 1942 convention chaplain.

March 7-9—Urgent matters demanded the attention of the President and the Secretary of the Synod in Oklahoma City. On Sunday, March 8, we two had charge of the worship services with Rev. Bloch assisting in the morning.

March 15—Rev. A. W. Malin, acting upon instructions from my office, conducted the main worship service in Oklahoma City.

March 16-19—These dates claimed my time in behalf of many matters relating to the Oklahoma City situation, most of the time being spent in Wichita where the committee on Investigation, as stated above, was in session.

March 19—Notified Rev. Bloch of the charge against him as prepared by the Investigation committee.

March 19—Instructed Pastor Tonsing to serve as the synod's publicity agent in connection with the 1942 convention.

March 19—Instructed Pastor Harrison to serve the synodically recognized congregation in Oklahoma March 22 and 23, longer if necessary.

March 20—Authorized Pastor Malin to serve the synodically recognized congregation March 29th at Oklahoma City.

March 22—Engaged the services of Dr. Fred C. Wiegman to assist me in my parish on that date.

April 5—Dr. Wiegman agreed to conduct services in Oklahoma City this date.

The above is a brief outline of my activities as president beginning with my induction at the last convention up to and including the date of March 23, the time this report was filed with the secretary of the synod for publication.

Regarding the Oklahoma City situation, I shall present a report at the proper place at the convention.

There have been many trying situations in recent months, and many a decision has had to be made. I have keenly felt the responsibilities and burdens which at times have been very heavy. Through it all I owe a life-long debt of gratitude to both pastors and laymen who have worked with me. I acknowledge many blunders, and wherein I have erred, I beg for patience and forgiveness. Especially have my own people of Trinity been gracious and sympathetic.

Recommendations:

1. That upon final consideration of this report by the delegates in convention assembled, the Chaplain lead us in prayer, thanking God for His eternal care and concern over and for us all, and beseeching Him to ever guide us in these trying days and years that lie ahead.

2. That each congregation of the Synod be requested to file a copy of its constitution with the Secretary of the Synod.

3. (Stricken).

4. (Amended. See Page 59).

5. That in the interest of rigid economy the appointed committees of the synod be instructed to hold expenses to the very minimum and that no meeting be held except by the approval of the President.

Respectfully and Humbly Submitted,

W. Wilbur Klover.

The President also presented a supplementary report.

(Ordered by the convention to be filed for record but not included in the printed Minutes. (See page 58).

Mr. John H. Shirk was requested, upon motion, to speak relative to the action in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City involving the Oklahoma City church, and he did so.

The Report of the President and the President's Supplementary Report were referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Dr. E. E. Stauffer, chairman, asked that the Committee on Discipline meet at once.

On motion, Mrs. W. W. Klover, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod, and Mr. Evan W. Tonsing, President of the Synodical Brotherhood, were invited to sit as advisory members of the convention.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Executive Committee, as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has held five meetings during the synodical year and has transacted an unusually large amount of business. A summary follows:

Emporia, Kansas, May 5, 1941

1. Received and filed report of Treasurer, to date from January 1; also received report that Synod has been released from all responsibility in the matter of the mortgage of Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson.
2. Approved Minutes of final session of convention of Synod at Lawrence.
3. Approved appointment of committees for synodical year.
4. Directed Home Missions committee to include the amount appropriated by the Synod for assistance to Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, in its budget for 1942.
5. Appropriated \$15 for the Rev. G. K. Mykland to attend the Rural Life conference at Northwestern University.
6. Awarded contract for printing the Kansas Synod Lutheran to Mr. Evan Tonsing at same rates as heretofore.
7. Approved action of Home Missions committee in setting aside the \$1,625 net proceeds from sale of the Ottawa property for the purpose of establishing new work in the Synod.
8. Clarified the relationship of the Executive Committee and Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committee, recognizing that full responsibility for operation of the camp rests with the Executive Committee and that the special camp committee acts as an agent of the Executive Committee.

Emporia, Kan., October 6th, 1941

1. Received and filed report of Treasurer, and also bond for Treasurer L. T. Bang covering period up to August 10th, 1942. Also received provisional report of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committee and report of activities of the President since the time of the Lawrence convention.
2. Authorized payment of the Peterson note of \$500 from Camp Wa-Shun-Ga funds. Also authorized raising of regular fee for campers at Wa-Shun-Ga from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per day, but giving the camp committee authority to make adjustments of rates in special cases.
3. Authorized transfer of title of Hutchinson church building from the Synod to the Hutchinson congregation.
4. Directed the Secretary to take steps to set up a permanent register of the membership of the Synod.
5. Directed the President to renew and extend the ad interim license granted to Mr. Paul Close, Western Seminary senior, until the next convention of Synod, so as to enable Mr. Close to minister to the Valley Falls congregation during the school year.
6. Received and filed report of Dr. O. W. Ebright, director of Wa-Shun-ga Junior camp for 1941.
7. Heard Pastor Whittecar report on observations at Camp Nawa-ka, in Pennsylvania, which he attended during the summer as a representative of the Synod.

Emporia, Kan., January 12, 1942

1. Received and filed report of treasurer to date; also received and approved report of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committee for 1941 session. (See below).

2. Reappointed Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committee: the Rev. A. J. Beil, Chairman; Dr. E. E. Stauffer, the Rev. George Eller, Mr. Louis T. Bang.

3. Provided for adjustment in contract price for printing the Kansas Synod Lutheran to offset certain rises in cost to the Publisher.

4. Noted that the Secretary had been in conference with representatives from the office of the Secretary of the U.C.L.A. relative to the proposed synodical register of membership, and that special forms for such a register are being prepared.

5. Received from the Rev. E. R. Harrison, chairman of the Committee on Constitution, copies of a "Concordance of Synodical Actions," which he had prepared for reference purposes.

6. Instructed the Secretary to prepare a suitable form to be presented to each member of Synod wherein each member shall affirm his acceptance of and intention to support the Constitution of the Synod, in keeping with Article Six, Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution.

7. Received reports of promotional work by committee on foreign missions and of preparations for 1942 appeal, through the National Lutheran Council, for funds to sustain orphaned missions and to provide a Lutheran ministry to men in armed forces.

8. Received report of the President concerning the delicate situation in the Oklahoma City parish which involves various factions among the members, the pastor, and the pastor emeritus, and ordered the appointment of a special committee to visit that parish to determine the true state of affairs.

9. Received and considered bids for printing the 1942 Minutes of Synod and awarded the contract to Mr. Edwin F. Abels, publisher of The Outlook, Lawrence, Kan.

10. Prepared recommendations (see below) of apportionment for synodical benevolence budget to be submitted to the convention of Synod.

11. Made preliminary plans for synodical convention program.

12. Authorized Parish Education and Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committees, jointly, to take steps toward setting up an inter-synodical Lutheran leadership training school program at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga beginning in 1943.

Kansas City, Mo., February 10, 1942

1. Recommended that the name of E. C. Sibberson be dropped from the roll of Synod in as much as his activities lie entirely outside the jurisdiction of Synod, and he makes no report to the Synod.

2. Received progress reports on proposed inter-synodical leadership training school, and on Synod program.

3. Received and adopted report of special committee appointed to investigate the situation in the Oklahoma City parish, which set forth the fact that there is a definite and serious split in the congregation, with the members aligned for or against the pastor and his leadership.

4. In connection with this report, received through the President a petition signed by 102 individuals who designated themselves as members of the Oklahoma City church, asking for permission to hold services separately from the rest of the congregation, and replied by recommending:

"(1) To the pastor and church council at Oklahoma City, that they prayerfully consider the spiritual needs of this group of people who have submitted the petition referred to above and that they do everything within their power to bring them back into the active membership of the church.

"(2) That the Pastor and Church Council, and the members of the petitioning group as well, maintain a genuine spirit of forgiveness, understanding and tolerance in their approach to this problem.

"(3) That if after prayerful consideration and consecrated effort on the part of the Pastor, Church Council, and people nothing can be accomplished in following the suggestions in recommendations (1) and (2) above, the Church Council be requested to consider the proposition of these petitioners to be permitted to hold separate services, perhaps under the leadership of Dr. C. N. Swihart, although still maintaining their membership in the First Lutheran Church."

Emporia, Kan., February 26, 1942

1. Met at call of the President to consider further developments in the parish at Oklahoma City.

2. Received the resignation of Mr. L. A. Swanson as a member of the committee representing the southern conference.

3. Received a comprehensive report of the President on the development of the strife in the Oklahoma City parish over a period of three or more years, leading up to action by members of the congregation February 18, 1942, under the leadership of the Pastor, in voting to sever their relationships with the Kansas Synod without having sought the advice and consent of the officers of this Synod, and in declaring themselves to be operating from that time under the Constitution and rules of the Midwest Synod of the U.L.C.A.

4. In connection with the President's Report, received requests from the Oklahoma City Council and Pastor F. H. Bloch for approval of transfer of the Oklahoma City congregation and its pastor to the Midwest Synod.

5. Adopted carefully prepared resolutions:

(a) Refusing to recognize the action of the congregation to secede; denying the request of the Church Council for approval of such transfer, and declining to give consent and assent to the act of secession from the Synod;

(b) Setting forth the responsibility of the Oklahoma City church and its Pastor to the Kansas Synod and the rightful authority of this Synod in matters pertaining to the welfare of the congregation, noting the development of strife in the congregation and reasons therefor, and citing seven specific acts of revolt against the letter and spirit of the Constitution of this Synod on the part of the pastor, or the pastor and the Church Council;

(c) Recognizing those parishioners "who were and are opposed to such withdrawal or secession, and all other parishioners who seek to join them, and those hereafter becoming members of such congregation by whatsoever ecclesiastical method now exists" as the congregation of the First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City;

(d) Declaring the Rev. F. H. Bloch to be suspended for cause, since he "has been a party to and has encouraged revolt of those parishioners, who on February 18, 1942, without the consent of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States voted to secede from said synod;"

(e) Instructing the congregation to reorganize, elect necessary officers, and call a pastor by and with the approval of the proper synodical authority.

6. Directed the President of Synod "to do all things necessary to reclaim and maintain all property, interests, and other rights" of this Synod in Oklahoma City, "even to the extent of resorting to the courts."

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

The report of the Camp Wa-Shun-Ga committee for 1941 is here submitted as part of this Executive Committee report:

During the three summer months the following seventeen groups used the camp:

Name of Group	Extra	
	Campers	Meals
German Baptist Union	83	187
Youth Temperance Council	31	2
Kansas Christian Service Young People	74	33
Culver Girl Reserves	13	—
Kansas Synod Youth (Junior Camp)	172	13
Augustana Luther League	115	21
Dickinson 4-H	138	2
Geary County 4-H	77	2
Kansas Synod Luther League	170	101
Augustana Luther League	165	154
Manhattan 4-H	153	2
Farm Women	53	3
Church of the Brethren	96	32
Brethren in Christ	92	24

Central Kansas Baptist Association	14	10
Clay Center Kansas Young People	27	—
Methodist Boys Camp	34	—
	1507	536

Improvements

The amount of \$900 was again invested in camp improvements. The grounds were improved by grading and filling in the water hole on the old lake site. Trees were trimmed and underbrush was removed on the far side of the swimming pool. Twenty-five cedar trees were planted on the cliff and one hundred and fifty maple and elm trees were planted along the north section of the camp site. Swimming was improved by enlarging the pool and making a sand beach approach. A new boat dock was located near the bridge to separate boating from the swimming pool. New sand walks were extended over the grounds. Recreation was improved with a new shuffleboard set. Archery was also made more popular. For improving the comfort of the camp more than a hundred new mattresses were purchased, canvas curtains were made to partition off space for class rooms, and blackboards, tables, and new hymnals were added to the school equipment. Two organs were reconditioned and brought to camp. Enough benches were bought to complete the equipment of the outdoor theatre, and plank benches were put down for services in front of the cross. As an experiment a tent-house 12 x 24 feet was purchased for a class room or leader's headquarters.

1941 Financial Report

Receipts:

Cash balance, 1940 (\$750 amount of note due		
Mrs. Grace Schulz)	\$ 866.71	
Groups	5,637.64	
Camp Store	1,150.12	
Picnics	75.06	
Grocery Refund	76.70	
Store Refund	15.24	
Salary Refund	20.00	\$7,841.47

Disbursements:

Dining Room	\$1,958.70
Salaries	1,444.75
Improvements	901.91
Store Supplies	731.64
Extra Labor	16.25
Mgr's Cash Fund	230.95
Maintenance and Repair	205.80
Ice	77.80
Gas and Oil	86.16
Sales Tax	88.23
Interest on all Notes	175.01

Mrs. Grace Schultz Note (Money for Improvements)	750.00
Rev. Joseph Peterson Note (Money for Camp Purchase)	500.00
Printing	96.80
Committee Expense and Promotion	81.22
	\$7,344.22
Cash Balance, 1941	
	\$ 497.25

Respectfully submitted,
Louis T. Bang.

Progress

The following figures will make possible a study of incomes from groups and the camp store over a period of seven years: 1935—\$3,849. 1936—\$5,510. 1937—\$5,661. 1938—\$5,977. 1939—\$5,297. 1940—\$6,513., and 1941—\$7,091.00. The net income gain in 1941 over 1940 is \$578.43, and increased enrollment of 30.

The net income from the camp store during the past six years has made a worthy contribution to our financing. There are the amounts: 1936—\$298; 1937—\$180; 1938—\$159; 1939—\$266; 1940—\$449, and 1941—\$434.

This past year the committee assumed the responsibility of paying the interest on the \$3,000 indebtedness on the camp. The first \$500 note on this indebtedness was also paid, leaving a sufficient current balance of \$497.25 to enter the new year.

1942 Camp Season

The war as a new element of uncertainty will doubtless interfere with the support and progress of the camp enrollment and financing. Food will be much higher. This is to be partly met by the recent action of the Executive Committee in asking us to charge \$1.25 a day. Leadership and labor may be almost impossible to secure even at a higher salary. The committee won't be sure of who will work in camp until the camping season begins. The number of campers may be smaller due to transportation limitations. Because of the automobile handicap it may be better to wait for peace time conditions before trying an inter-Synodical leadership training conference. Sixteen of the 17 groups are expected back in 1942. The American Lutheran League with a two year record of over 200 in camp has been scheduled. To date only two one-week periods remain open."

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred J. Beil, Chairman,
Camp Committee
Louis T. Bang, Treasurer
E. E. Stauffer
George W. Eller.

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that the benevolence apportionment to the congregations of Synod, for 1942, be at the rate of \$5.00 per communicant member, to be distributed as follows:

U. L. C. A.	\$2.60	Ministerial Education	.25
Midland College	.75	Synodical Treasury	.60
Synodical Home Missions	.40		
Tabitha Home	.25		5.00
Kansas Synod Lutheran	.15	(Amended. See Page 61)	

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. R. Whittecar, Sec'y.

The Report was referred to the Committee on Executive Committee's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Louis T. Bang, as follows:

Treasurer's Report for 1941

1941 Apportionment		Paid	Specials	Total
Abilene	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 440.00
Atchison	1,815.00	1,162.04	115.99	1,278.03
Beloit	400.00	195.79	21.05	216.84
Bendena	940.00	204.56		204.56
Bunker Hill	150.00		5.00	5.00
Chapman	300.00	100.00	51.50	151.50
Emporia	890.00	392.34	67.30	459.64
Eureka	735.00	163.92	35.50	199.42
Fort Smith	470.00	187.25	41.00	228.25
Glasco	605.00	332.00	33.00	365.00
Greenleaf, Trinity	325.00	126.04	90.49	216.53
*Greenleaf, St. Pauls	200.00	204.10	103.80	307.90
*Hays	650.00	650.00	43.98	693.98
Hutchinson	865.00	276.49		276.49
Kansas City, Trinity	1,010.00	504.85	154.66	659.51
*Kansas City, Ch. Mem.	950.00	950.00	184.00	1,134.00
Kan. City, St. Marks	1,300.00	1,247.90	124.50	1,372.40
Lancaster	450.00	184.43	28.50	212.93
Langdon	525.00	342.56	213.32	555.88
Lawrence	1,935.00	1,066.74	127.15	1,193.89
Long Island	75.00			
New Cambria, St. P.	150.00	40.65	6.00	46.65
New Cambria, Peace				
Norcatour	125.00	55.00	13.00	68.00
Oklahoma City	1,460.00	1,310.84	452.09	1,762.93
Peabody	680.00	244.43	13.07	267.50
Perth	150.00			
Rock Port	1,040.00	266.42	113.31	379.73
Salina	3,500.00	1,579.46	372.12	1,961.58

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*St. Joseph	2,505.00	2,505.00	873.36	3,378.36
Sedalia, Trinity	405.00	199.54	8.10	207.64
Sedalia, Cole Camp	455.00	221.66	30.05	251.71
Topeka	1,055.00	417.24	59.32	476.56
*Tulsa	1,160.00	1,160.00	190.08	1,350.08
Valley Falls	310.00	128.41	7.80	135.21
Wakeeny	575.00	100.00	22.00	122.00
Waterville, St. M. ..	700.00	339.50	18.65	358.15
Waterville, First ..	140.00	51.29	6.00	57.29
*Wellington	235.00	235.38	71.72	307.10
*Wichita	1,910.00	1,925.00	563.29	2,488.29
Wilson	310.00	147.43	39.75	187.18
1940 Undistributed				
Apportionment		503.06		503.06
Brotherhood Off'g.			12.29	12.29
S. Conference Off'g.			16.08	16.08
Total	\$32,645.00	\$20,151.32	\$4,345.82	\$24,497.14

Respectfully submitted,

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS FOR 1941

1941 Cash Balance Synodical Treasury	\$	74.85	
Women's Missionary Society		40.00	
Lawrence Convention Offerings		18.13	
1941 Apportionment		19,648.26	
1941 Undistributed Apportionment		503.06	
1941 Home Missions Fund		1,578.78	
1941 Inner Missions Fund		375.86	
1941 Specials		4,345.82	
1941 Centennial Celebration		49.81	
1941 Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Camp		166.60	\$26,801.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Synodical Treasury	\$	2,168.29	
Home Missions		1,367.12	
Ministerial Education		750.00	
Kansas Synod Lutheran		545.79	
Midland College		2,987.00	
United Lutheran Church		11,948.00	
Tabitha Home		796.00	\$20,562.20
Cash Balance			\$ 6,238.97

SPECIALS

Receipts and Disbursements

Tabitha Home Current Expenses	\$	1,385.40	
Tabitha Home Building Fund		1,189.21	
Lutheran World Action		311.72	
Lutheran Service Mens Division		659.57	
Epiphany Foreign Mission Offerings		69.85	

Foreign Missions	81.66	
Lutheran World Council	60.57	
Lutheran World Action	211.10	
Midland College	177.25	
Ministerial Pensions	1.00	
American Bible Society	13.01	
Board of Education	15.00	
Leper Work	12.50	
American Missions	11.00	
Southern Conference Offering (Schwab)	16.08	
Children of the Church	130.90	\$ 4,345.82
Cash Balance		\$ 4,345.82

CASH BALANCE GENERAL FUND

Centennial Celebration	\$ 49.81	
Inner Missions	375.86	
Home Missions Fund	1,011.66	
Kansas Synod Lutheran	51.21	
Children of the Church	8.62	
Undistributed Apportionment	395.99	
Cash Balance		\$ 1,893.15

OVERDRAFTS

Ministerial Education Funds	\$ 250.00	
Synodical Treasury	33.33	\$ 283.33
Cash Balance Citizens National Bank		\$ 1,609.82

Synodical Treasury Disbursements Itemized

Printing Minutes and Stationery for Officers and Committees	\$ 377.67	
Committee Meetings and Expenses, Executive, Merger, Publi- city, Parish Education, Constitution, Stewardship	636.15	
Office Supplies	12.39	
Salaries	137.50	
Postage	24.00	
Tabitha Home and Midland Trustees Meetings	104.37	
Presidents General Expense Account	250.40	
Secretary's General Expense Account	35.00	
President's Assistance and Office Help	164.73	
1941 Convention Expense	35.33	
Treasurer's Bond	6.25	
Luther League Appropriation	75.00	
Interest	150.00	
Oklahoma City Situation Expense Account	123.50	
Total		\$2,168.29

The original of the following statement from the Assistant Cashier of the Citizens's National Bank, Emporia, Kansas, was filed with the Secretary by Mr. Bang:

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, Hutchinson, Kansas:

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that on Feb. 11, 1942, there was a balance on hand in the Citizens National Bank, Emporia, Kan., to the credit of Louis T. Bang, Treasurer of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the sum of \$1,609.82.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Lutz, Assistant Cashier

Respectfully submitted,

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer.

A signed copy of the Auditor's Report, which follows, was filed with the Secretary by Mr. Bang.

Report of the Auditing Committee

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States Hutchinson, Kansas.

We the undersigned committee who examined the accounts of Louis T. Bang, Treasurer, certify that we have examined the records of the Treasurer, and find that at the close of business February 17th, 1942, he had a cash balance on hand as shown by accompanying certificates of the Citizens National Bank of Emporia, Kansas \$1,609.15

Total Receipts	\$26,801.17	
Total Disbursements	24,908.02	
Total Disbursements	24,908.02	\$ 1,893.15

OVERDRAFTS

Ministerial Education Fund	\$ 250.00	
Synodical Treasury	33.33	\$ 283.33

Cash Balance Citizens National Bank	\$ 1,609.82
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We have also examined the records of Louis T. Bang, Treasurer of the Synodical Home Missions Fund. These records show:

TOTAL RECEIPTS

1941 Cash Balance	\$ 1,578.78	
1941 Apportionment	800.00	\$ 2,378.78
Disbursements as shown in the Treasurer's Report		1,367.12

Leaving a Cash Balance in the Home Missions Funds	\$ 1,011.66
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Signed

Catherine Ellenberger,
F. S. Reider.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer's Report and the Report of the Auditing Committee be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer be requested to insert in the record a statement of the indebtedness of the Synod.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES

Camp Property Assets (See details in Camp Report, Page —) \$13,545.00
1941 Improvements 901.91

\$14,446.91

Less Liabilities to Synod

Notes paid by Synod for balance due on land \$1,724.25

Unused Apportionment (Field Secretary) 250.00

Notes underwritten by Synod in favor of

Mrs. Grace Schulz 2,000.00

F. S. Reider 500.00 4,474.25

Net worth of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga \$ 9,972.66

Cash on hand, Kansas Synod, General Fund 1,609.82

Cash on hand, Camp Wa-Shun-Ga 497.25

New worth of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States \$12,079.73

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer.

Pastor Mykland moved, Pastor McConnell seconded, that in view of the increased responsibility placed on the Treasurer of the Synod in recent years the treasurer be paid \$75 for his services in 1942. The motion carried.

Mr. Wayne Easterday presented the Report of the Statistician, as follows:

Report of Statistician For 1941

There is a steady improvement in your annual parochial reports. The manual, definitions, directions and simplified forms are also helping you toward a more uniform interpretation. This improvement means more than is generally realized.

You can make further improvements in your reporting by following the suggestions given below:

1. Check your date of organization with the statistical report in the previous years minutes. Sometimes your parochial report shows a different date and I am at a loss to know which is right. If you use a different date from that in last year's minutes, please make a statement saying, "This is the correct date," opposite of the date reported on your parochial report, otherwise I will use the date in the minutes.

2. Please double check your report of expenditures, rubics number 47 to 58 inclusive. More mistakes were made there than anywhere else. Details were omitted or totals were wrong. Unless I send the report back to you I don't know which figures are right. It is necessary to change a number of reports because the benevolence does not agree with the treasurer's report.

3. After you have made up your report look it over to see if you have reported your membership totals correctly and completely. Also, note if you have filled in all necessary blanks and on the proper line.

4. Remember to always report expenditures in even dollars. Read your manual for further detail.

Rev. Harrison of Hutchinson was the first to send in his report and Rev. Eller of Beloit was second. Their reports were received on January 16 and 19 respectively. But on the 24th of February there were three reports still out, one from each conference. Please remember that most of my work has to wait until all of your reports are in. If the last reports are not in until the 24th of February, I have only a short time left to get my reports to the secretary of Synod. He has to get them printed after that which takes time.

We hope to have further instructions by next year which will aid you in reporting your valuation figures and their depreciation. These instructions will probably include suggested depreciation schedules for buildings and equipment. I received copies of a number of annual reports and most of them contained graphs, charts or comparative figures on the local congregations. I am sure your congregation consciously or unconsciously appreciates the mental picture conveyed by your reports and will have a greater appreciation of the work of the congregation because they are able to visualize its needs and accomplishments better.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Easterday, Statistician

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POPULATIONS		
† Over 100,000	† 2,500 to 10,000	
‡ 25,000 to 100,000	* 500 to 2,500	
§ 10,000 to 25,000	0 Under 500	

Pastoral Charge (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geog. Location	Pastor	Language Used in Chief Service	MEMBERSHIP											
						Confirmed		Communicants		CHILD MEMBERS				I. Gain or Loss			
										Accessions		Losses					
										Baptism		Death		Total			
										Certificate		Confirmation		Total			
										Total		Otherwise		Total			
										Total		Total		Total			
Abilene	Trinity	1870	Fourth & Cedar St.	†Fuller Bergstrasser, D.D.	English	419	309	214	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Beloit	Zion's	1886	Seventh & Mills St.	†Geo. W. Eller	English	187	147	98	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	1872	Bunker Hill	†Max Glimmer	English	106	72	40	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Bunker Hill	Wilson-Excelsior	1886	7 mi. E & 1 mi. N. of Wilson	†Max Glimmer	English	149	123	75	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Chapman	Sherer Memorial	1889	426 Broadway	*G. K. Mykland	English	100	100	60	7	7	7	7	7	7	7		
Glascow	St. Paul's	1878	Main St.	*Millon F. Englandhardt	English	251	190	129	6	6	6	6	6	6	6		
Greenleaf	St. Paul's	1888	4 mi. E. of Washington	†J. Ernest Messer	English	94	72	44	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Greenleaf	Trinity	1882	Greenleaf	†J. Ernest Messer	English	188	129	74	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Hays	Trinity	1878	1209 Fort St.	†Alvin D. Havelkott	English	219	171	115	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Long Island	St. Paul's	1887	Long Island	†Alvin D. Havelkott	English	86	29	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
New Cambria	Peace	1870	New Cambria	†E. H. Glimmer	English	154	114	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
New Cambria	St. Paul's	1874	2 mi. S. 1 mi. W. of Klipp	†E. H. Glimmer	English	118	91	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Norcutt	St. Mark's	1888	Norcutt	†Alvin D. Havelkott	English	163	124	73	23	23	23	23	23	23	23		
Salina	St. John's	1883	310 S. Seventh	†R. Lantz, D. D.	English	163	124	73	23	23	23	23	23	23	23		
Wakeney	Bethlehem	1906	Wakeney	†G. Schaub (supply)	English	332	258	127	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		
Waterville	First	1879	9 mi. N. & 1 mi. W. Waterv.	†Geo. L. Search	English	79	58	35	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Waterville	St. Mark's	1871	Waterville	†Geo. L. Search	English	379	274	134	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Third Conference Totals						4547	3362	1974	76	24	100	31	4	28	63	57	2
1941 Totals—Parishes						15082	11158	6730	260	105	565	138	5	73	216	177	78
1940 Totals—Parishes						14729	10954	6529	266	178	444	160	4	218	382	217	185
Increases—Gain						353	204	201					1				
Decreases—Loss									6	7	79	22		146	166	40	137

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	(40) Church Building	(41) Parsonage	(42) School and Parish House	(43) Endowment	(44) Other Property	(45) Tot. Valuat (40 to 44)	Congregational Expenses			Unapportioned					Apportioned Amount (56) Paid (57) Total (58) Total (59 plus 56)
							(47) Current	(48) Unusual	(49) Total (47 plus 48)	(50) Educat'n	(51) Foreign Missions	(52) Americ'n Missions	(53) Social	(54) Other	(55) Total (50 to 54)
Emporia	20000	3500				23500	2338	919	3257		43	5	64	77	189
Eureka	73500	5000				78500	2229	93	2322	8	60		52	50	170
K. C. Smith, Ark. ..	14000					14000	258		258						735
K. C. Smith, Mo. ..	40000	5000				45000	2305	678	2983						187
Okla. City, Okla. ..	60000	5000				65000	4620	611	5231		126	50	800	116	1092
Peabody	50000	3500				53500	3062	182	3244	76			15		91
Perth	1500	800				2300									680
Tulsa, Okla.	35000	5000				40000	4601	1286	5887	61		285	362	708	1160
Wellington	4000	4000	3000	574		11574	1779	1300	3079			72	235	235	307
Wichita	25500	9000	5600			40100	9329	1394	10723	338		407	298	1038	1910
Totals	323500	40800	8600	574		373474	22459	30521	6413	84	623	55	1695	903	3360

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Name of Place	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY															(45) Tot. Valuat (40 to 44)	Congregational Expenses			Unapportioned					Apportioned Amount (56) Paid (57) Total (58) Total (59 plus 56)
	(40) Church Building	(41) Parsonage	(42) School and Parish House	(43) Endowment	(44) Other Property		(46) Total (40 to 45)		(47) Current		(48) Unusual		(49) Total (47 plus 48)		(50) Educat'n		(51) Foreign Missions	(52) Americ'n Missions	(53) Social	(54) Other	(55) Total (50 to 54)				
Atchison	50000	9000					59000	5502	2932	8434		31	135	191	357	1715	1162	1519	9953						
Bendena	20000	3000					23000	1267	24	1291			87			87	940	205	1283						
K. C. Mo.	12000	4000					16000	2897	362	3259	2	40	276	374	692	950	950	1642	4901						
K. C. Mo.	200000	10000	20000				22496	13416	3810	17226		182	504	173	859	1300	1248	1027	19333						
K. C. K. C. Kan.	45000	15000					60000	35933	3216	1373	4589	3		82	442	527	1010	505	1032						
Lancaster	5500	3500					9000	1685	66	1751		44	25	75	20	164	450	184	348						
Lawrence	97624	14500					112124	7060	7295	14355	284			175	459	1935	1067	1526	15581						
Langdon, Mo.	5000						5000	1478	385	1863			39		39	525	343	382	2245						
Rock Port, Mo.	10000	5000					15000	1937		1937			133	1040	266	399	2336	399	2336						
Sedalia, Mo.	8000						8000	950	1182	678	1860	2	35	39	76	405	222	298	2158						
Sedalia, Mo.	6000	4000			150		10150	650	1258	332	1570		23	10	19	52	455	200	1822						
St. Joseph, Mo.	100000	10000			5000		115400	7802	1382	9184	16	379	307	727	780	2209	2505	4714	135983						
Topeka	35000						35000	3678	1006	4684	30	81	102	71	284	1055	417	701	5385						
Valley Falls	6000						6000	1536	16	1552			18	18	310	128	146	1698	1698						
Totals	600124	78000	20000	2400	14646		715170	95293	53594	19461	73555	53	1099	618	2316	1870	5956	4595	9402	15358	88913				

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Third — Western or Salina Conference FINANCIAL

Name of Place	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY						Congregational Expenses				CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE								
	(40) Church Building	(41) Parsonage	(42) School and Parish House	(43) Endowment	(44) Other Property	(45) Tot. Valuat (40 to 44)	(46) Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses			Unapportioned				Apportion		(68) Total Expenditures (56 plus 57)		
								(47) Current	(48) Unusual	(49) Total (47 plus 48)	(50) Educatic	(51) Foreign Missions	(52) America Missions	(53) Social Missions	(54) Other Benevolence	(55) Total (50 to 54)		(56) Amount Apportioned	(57) Total Benevolence (56 plus 56)
Abilene	30000	8000		1000	46	39000		3802	552	4354		3	57	115	1040	430	545	4899	
Beloit	6000	3000	3000			12046		1119	59	1119			2	46	11	116	400	196	1431
Bunker Hill	5000	3000				8000	270	721	23	780				39	59	41	150	41	821
Bunker Hill	3500					3500		1111	59	1134		38			49	146	310	147	1427
Chapman	30000	2000		2150		34150		1603		1603		40	30	59	129	300	100	229	1832
Glascu	5000	4000			200	9200		1550		1550			48	47	38	133	605	332	2015
Greenleaf	3000	750				3750		629	50	679		2	160	5	77	19	253	200	467
Greenleaf	3500					4250		1060	360	1420		2	136	6	84	16	218	325	126
Hays	35000	8000				43000		2741	604	3345	15	30	5	56	105	211	650	861	4206
Long Island	2000					2000		595		595				3	6	9	250		604
New Cambria	5000	2500				7500		465		465						150	41	506	
New Cambria	1000	500				1500		175		175						125	55	230	
Norcut	5000	6000				11000		6567		6567	90	14	11	202	420	737	3500	1579	8933
Salina	75000	5000		3400		84400		6567		6567	90	14	11	202	420	737	3500	1579	8933
Salina	8000					8000	111	1062	423	1485	10	68	42	35	45	200	575	1000	3000
Waterville	3500					3500		215	7	222						6	140	51	57
Waterville	9500	5000	3000			17500		1616	3668	4285		1	10	38	128	177	700	340	517
Totals	231500	43500	6000	6550	246	287796	381	25131	4747	29678	122	584	103	835	847	2491	9495	4351	6842
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Mr. Easterday also presented a supplementary report in mimeographed form showing by graphs and figures the trends of church membership and various other matters over a period of 14 years.

On motion the Report of the Statistician was adopted with special thanks for the labor involved.

Mr. George Felder, student assistant to Dr. B. R. Lantz, Salina, was presented.

Mrs. W. W. Klover, President of the Women's Missionary Society, brought greetings, reporting verbally of the progress of the society. Pastor Mykland responded in behalf of the Synod.

Pastor Hamrick presented and moved the following:

"Your Disciplinary Committee requests that Synod instruct the President to appoint a member of the Synod to serve as counsel for and in behalf of the accused, in the event he does not appear, with the right to examine witnesses, calling and examining witnesses he may call, and object to questions asked witnesses called to support charges against the accused."

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President appointed Dr. B. R. Lantz as counsel for the defendant in case the defendant does not appear before the committee.

The Report of the Historian was presented by the Secretary on behalf of Dr. E. E. Stauffer, as follows:

Report of Synodical Historian

Your historian has during the year kept a file of the Kansas Synod Lutheran, Minutes of Synod, programs of anniversaries and of interesting items of various parishes. We have also continued seeking information concerning the oldest Lutheran church building in Kansas, located in Valley Falls. It is difficult to secure accurate data as to ownership of property and also as to authority to act. We are still hoping that something can be done to secure this property for our synod.

Your historian would request that pastors send to him accounts of anniversaries, dedications, and such other materials that may be of historic interest.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Stauffer

The Report of the Historian was adopted.

The Report of the Western Conference was presented by Pastor Havekost, as follows:

Report of the Western Conference

The regular autumn meeting of the Western Conference was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas, the Rev. A. D. Havekost, pastor.

The meeting was preceeded by a District Youth Rally on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 1941. Sixty-five young people from Kansas and Mid-West Synod congregations attended the rally.

The conference was opened on Sunday evening with a joint inspirational meeting for young people and adults. Meditations on the theme, "Burden Bearers" were given by Mrs. Max Gilmer and Miss Dorothy Reed.

Monday's sessions began with a devotional period led by President George L. Search. A symposium on, "Problems in Rural Church Work" was conducted by the Rev. G. K. Mykland. A report on "Tabitha Home" was given by the Rev. E. H. Thomas, the Rev. Milton Englehardt outlined plans of the social missions committee, and the program was concluded by a paper on "Church Music" by the Rev. A. D. Havekost.

Three pastors of the Mid-West Synod were guests of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin D. Havekost,
Sec'y ad interim.

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Southern Conference was presented by Pastor Tonsing in behalf of Pastor Harrison, as follows:

Report of the Southern Conference

The Southern Conference of the Synod met Nov. 2 and 3 at Christ's Church, Eureka, Kan., the Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer, pastor. The evening of the Second was the Conference rally at which time Miss Lillith Schwab spoke to a large gathering. The following day was given over to business meetings of the Conference and the Woman's Missionary Society. Papers concerning evangelism were read by several members of the clergy.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene R. Harrison

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Eastern Conference was presented by Pastor Miller in behalf of Pastor Malin, as follows:

Report of the Eastern Conference

St. John's, Lancaster, Kansas, entertained the Eastern Conference during the Reformation Season, with the Rev. W. W. Klover, President of Synod, as the principal speaker. A number of interesting papers were read and several reports were brought to the conference by the pastors on the program. Holy Communion was observed at the close of the conference with the chaplain, the Rev. Paul Miller, in charge.

Election of officers will be held at the meeting of Synod in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Malin, Sec'y-Treas.

Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Last Year's Minutes was presented by Pastor Miller on behalf of Pastor Gaston, as follows:

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes

Your committee has carefully read the printed Minutes of the 1941 synodical convention and calls the Synod's attention to the following:

1. The recommendations concerning Midland College should be brought before the convention. (1941 Minutes, Page 39)
2. The Constitution of Synod should be approved by the convention before being printed in the 1942 Minutes. (Report of the Constitution Committee, 1941 Minutes, Pages 46-47).
3. The Merger Commission should report their progress to the convention. (1941 Minutes, page 55.)
4. The special committee on the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the organization of this synod should report the progress of its plans to this convention. (1941 Minutes, Page 33.)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Gaston
Chas. A. Harkness, Jr.

The Secretary assured the Convention that matters referred to in the report were scheduled for consideration at this meeting.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented a certified and corrected copy of the Minutes of the Seventy-Third Convention for the Secretary's file.

The convention voted to proceed at this time with the election of officers, scheduled for the second session. Ballots were distributed by the tellers and elections were held for Secretary, Treasurer, laymen representing the Southern, Eastern and Western conferences on the Executive Committee, Statistician, and Historian.

The following were elected for terms of one year each:

Secretary, the Rev. George R. Whittecar

Treasurer, Mr. Louis T. Bang, Emporia

Layman representing Eastern Conference, Mr. Fred Kloepper, Lancaster

Layman representing Western Conference, Dr. Ernest E. Harvey, Salina

Layman representing Southern Conference, Mr. Barton P. Sibole, Tulsa

Statistician, Mr. Wayne Easterday, Topeka

Historian, Dr. E. E. Stauffer.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology was presented by Pastor Miller, as follows:

Necrologist's Report

The death of the Reverend Newton Heisler Royer, D.D., at Oklahoma City, October 4, 1941, removed from the roll of Synod the name of a pastor who during the years of his ministry in the synod accomplished much good and was the means of blessing to many. According to the records available, the Reverend Mr. Royer served but two congregations, the one in Brookfield, Ohio, for some fifteen years, and the other, First Church in Oklahoma City. For the latter congregation his leadership and enthusiasm, together with hard work, made possible the beautiful edifice enjoyed by them since 1912. His able preaching, his kindly deeds and contacts, as well as his civic activities were all fruitful and resulted in a host of friends. The synod feels the loss of a good soldier of the Cross and extends its sympathy to his widow and two sisters.

Believing that there is much to be gained by the review of the life of a fellow servant of Christ, we recommend that a memorial service be held at such time during this meeting of Synod as the president shall designate; and that the chaplain conduct the service with the Reverend Benjamin R. Lantz, D.D., the speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Luther Miller

The Report of the Committee on Necrology was adopted.

The Report of the Commission on Merger was presented by the Secretary, as follows:

Report of Commission on Merger

With respect to the merging of the three synods on this territory, namely: Nebraska, Midwest, and the Kansas, it will be recalled that these three groups considered the proposal at their respective 1941 conventions, and that favorable action was taken by two, while the third acted negatively. Both the Kansas and the Nebraska synods voted to merge, while the Midwest organization voted to alter the proposed constitution, yet maintaining a commission on merger. A year ago merger seemed near at hand; today such a move appears to have been thrust into the future by several years.

In retrospect, the commissioners of the three synods were in mutual agreement that perhaps a wrong approach was made to the proposition of merger at the time of the inception. It was expressed at the November, 1941, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., that the commissioners had worked toward merger on the basis of technicalities and a proposed constitution, rather than first of all establishing a congenial fellowship throughout the entire territory. In other words good-will, understanding and fellowship are the pre-requisites for primary consideration, and the proposed constitution is the secondary element in merger. All effort and time have not been a total loss, however, for

at least three major elements have emerged as requiring careful consideration before merger can be effective on this territory namely: (1) Final and satisfactory settlement of the theological education problem; (2) Clarification of the position of all parties concerned with the matter of secret societies, and (3), should merger ever be realized, the organization of the conferences should be on geographical lines rather than synodical. The latter position is maintained by the Kansas and Nebraska commissioners, while the first two are chiefly the concern of the Midwest group.

Chairman Dr. John C. Hershey of the commissioners ruled that since there was not unanimous action in favor of merger at the 1941 conventions, that merger plan was technically dead. The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in action as of October, 1941, voted however, that efforts be directed toward a consummation of merger at the earliest feasible time, viewing our five-year-old adventure in this direction as an evidence of progress. Beginning with the 1938 Minutes of the Kansas Synod the reports on this subject have been quite thoroughgoing. The 1939 report will bear careful study as to problems involved.

Since Mother Church still advises the merging of synods on this central territory of the nation, we recommend:

1. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States maintain a commission on merger, the same to be composed of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. That this synod's commissioners work in conference and counsel with representatives from other interested synods by authority and direction of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.
3. That this synod's commissioners to be instructed,
 - a. To take no position beyond that expressed by the Washington Declaration in dealing with the subject of secret societies;
 - b. To abide by the principle of geographical lines rather than synodical boundaries in establishing district conferences within the proposed merged synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Bang
George R. Whittecar
W. Wilbur Klover

By motion, the recommendations were considered seriatim.

A motion that Recommendation 1 be stricken from the report was lost, and Recommendation 1 was allowed to stand.

Recommendation 2 was adopted.

A motion that Recommendation 3-a be stricken from the report

was lost and that recommendation was allowed to stand.

Recommendation 3-b was adopted.

By motion, the report as a whole was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution was presented by Pastor Harrison, as follows:

Report of Committee on Constitution

In order to clarify our Constitution with regard to the process of enrolling members, the following amendments are proposed:

(1) To amend Article Six, Section I-B, Paragraph 1, by adding to Paragraph 1 these words: "provided he is called to a regular pastorate of a congregation, or to an educational, executive, missionary or editorial position within the life of the Church, which has been appointed by the Synod or by the United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted Boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments."

(2) To amend Article Six, Section I, by inserting the following as Paragraph 2 and designating the present Paragraph 2 as Paragraph 3:

"2. All applications for membership in the Synod shall be made to the President of the Synod and shall be referred by him to the Examining Committee, who shall examine each application to see that it is in harmony with the practices and provisions of this Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America, and shall report on the same to the Synod. Upon a majority vote of this Synod persons making such applications may become members of this Synod.

(3) To amend Article One, Section 3, Paragraph 2, by adding these words to the last sentence: "as long as such action is not in conflict with Article Six, Section I-B, Paragraph 1, as amended."

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene R. Harrison, Chm.

By common consent, action on the report was deferred to a later session pending consideration by the committee of a matter referred to it by the Committee on Reference and Counsel. (See Page 46).

The convention adjourned for the noon recess, being led in prayer by the Chaplain.

The Second Session, April 14

The convention reconvened at 1:30 o'clock and was led in devotion by the Chaplain.

The President called the convention to order.

Dr. C. N. Swihart presented the report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, as follows:

1. Your committee has a communication from the American Bible Society asking for time in this convention. We recommend that the representative, the Rev. H. H. Ragatz, be given ten minutes Thursday morning to present his cause.

2. We also have a communication from the U. L. C. A. asking that our By-Laws be amended to conform to the By-Laws of the U. L. C. A. We recommended that this item be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

3. We recommend that that part of the reports on education directly related to Midland College be deferred until President Wiegman is present.

4. The committee has in its possession a communication from L. A. Harshman, Los Angeles, California. His name was dropped from our Synodical roll some years ago because of activity in business. In view of the fact that no additional information has come to the committee indicating a change in his former status, we recommend acknowledgement of his letter, and that we abide by the constitutional requirements in such cases.

5. Insofar as the Synod is able to take care of items of business before the regular order of procedure provided in the bulletin, we recommend the continuance of this procedure insofar as it does not interfere in the proper consideration of items of business.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran (Publicity Director) was presented by the Secretary on behalf of Pastor Tonsing, as follows:

Report of Publicity Director

The Kansas Synod Lutheran has been published monthly except during August, as directed by Synod. Much credit for the success of this news outlet goes to faithful reporting by pastors and others in executive positions of Synod. Printing and mailing has been done by the Tonsing Printery in Atchison.

The Lutheran has accepted and printed five "Sunflower Seeds" columns, and numerous special articles. The Circulation committee mailed letters to pastors during Church Paper week. The editor of The Lutheran asks that a synodical Committee on Publication be appointed, as in the past.

Ernest Tonsing,
Publicity Director.

The report was adopted.

The Synod, by ballot, re-elected the Rev. Ernest Tonsing editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran for one year.

The report of the Committee on Luther League was presented by Pastor Whittecar, as follows:

Report on Synodical Luther League

The young people of the Kansas Synod are moving right along in the work they have to do. The Executive Committee has been able to do its work in the interest of progress without a great deal of travel and expense to the League and will continue to do so in the interest of the youth work of our Synod.

There is at present a very fine spirit of cooperation and real enthusiasm among the youth of our Synod. Most of you are acquainted with the Luther League paper "The Jack Rabbit" which has been received with joy by all.

As plans were made for the 1941 Camp meeting at Wa-shun-ga it was with fear and trembling because we were afraid that the new draft law would affect the attendance a great deal, since so many young men were being received into the U. S. Army. But this was not the case, as you can see from a study of the following figures:

The total registration of young folks was 151. Of this number only eleven were over 21 years of age. All the rest were between 12 and 20 years. There were 21 full-time adult workers, serving as counselors, teachers, and helpers. All were happy to have the national Luther League President, Mr. Alvin Schaediger, as helper and advisor for the week. Mr. Don Hill was the representative of the Nebraska Luther League. There were at least 100 part time visitors at camp during the week also.

It seems that too many people feel that all camp is for is fun. This may also be said of some pastors. Your Committee wants to stress the fact that it is not a week of all fun, but rather of educational, inspirational, and recreational features. Some real constructive work in the way of study is done. This past year 35 young folks took the courses for credit from our Parish and Church School Board in Philadelphia. It is our hope that this number will be doubled this year.

We herewith submit a financial statement for the 1941 Camp:

Expenses		Receipts	
Staff expenses	\$107.10	Registration fees	\$151.00
Inspiration Speaker	25.00	L. T. Bang, Synod	75.00
Books and Supplies	33.90	Refund L. Pub. House	1.40
Daily Newspaper and advertising cost	18.70		\$227.40
Misc. Expenses	33.28		
	\$217.48		

Balance on hand to date \$9.92.

The director assigned each one his part in the program early in the spring and every one did more than his or her part to make the 1941 Camp a wonderful success. A word of appreciation is hereby extended to everyone.

May we impress upon all our pastors and churches the need of Luther League work, and especially so with world conditions as they are now. If you are not pushing youth work in your church, may we urge you to do so. May God fill each of your hearts with a desire to develop an "ALL OUT" program for the youth of our church. We ask for your prayers and your support of the work you have asked us to undertake with the young people.

Recommendation:

That Synod grant the Synodical Luther League \$75.00 as an aid in financing the 1942 Camp.

Respectfully yours,

S. A. Hamrick

George R. Whittecar

The report was adopted, with the recommendation.

Discussion followed relative to the possible effect of the tire shortage on the coming sessions at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

The report of the Committee on Work with Students was presented by Pastor Havekost as follows:

Report of the Committee On Work With Students

The student census was conducted in cooperation with the student secretary of the synodical Women's Missionary Society. Only two pastors failed to respond to the questionnaire this year.

On February 27 returns had been made for 35 congregations reporting 221 students in 57 different institutions of higher learning. Seventeen of these students were attending Lutheran institutions.

After the information in questionnaires was tabulated, the names of students were sent to our Lutheran Pastors in student centers. A detailed report of the census was sent to the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church. Plans are being made for a spring district conference for Lutheran Students at Lindsborg, Kansas.

The work of your secretary with our "Leaders for Tomorrow" will be much more effective, if our pastors will:

1. Return questionnaires promptly, and
2. Indicate the chosen vocation of each student.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin D. Havekost

The report was adopted.

The report on the Committee on Brotherhood was presented by the Secretary on behalf of Pastor Malin, as follows:

Brotherhood Committee Report

Your Brotherhood committee wishes to submit the following report:

Sixteen active Brotherhoods in the synod this spring report a total membership of 485, a decrease of 111 from last year's reported membership. The decrease is represented largely in three Brotherhoods which ceased to function during the year.

Active Brotherhoods are reported in the following congregations, with the indicated memberships:

Abilene 40, Lancaster 53, St. Joseph 35, Hays 25, Salina 35, Lawrence 25, Peabody 20, Tulsa 30, Atchison 35, Children Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., 20, Eureka 30, Wichita 45, Glasco 20, Topeka 25, Emporia 22, Kansas City, Kan., 25.

One new Brotherhood was organized during the year, at Emporia, and has adopted an aggressive program that assures its success and progress.

Fall rallies of the Eastern conference and Western conference Brotherhood organizations, both well attended, were held at Kansas City, Kansas, and Salina, respectively, while Southern conference Brotherhoods participated in the rally at Peabody.

The Synodical Brotherhood placed into effect, at the opening of this calendar year, a joint dues plan in which dues for the synodical and United Lutheran Church Brotherhoods are collected jointly, and the ULCA dues remitted to the national organization.

In light of the important part the men of our congregations should have in the advancement of the Kingdom during these troublous times, it is recommended by your committee that the officers of Synod and this convention urge pastors of congregations not now having Brotherhoods to consider seriously, with their laymen, the matter of forming such organizations as soon as possible, to enlist the full manpower of Lutheran laymen in the great program of the United Lutheran Church and the Brotherhood.

It is further recommended that plans be encouraged to hold fall rallies of Brotherhood and Missionary organizations in each of the three conferences, and that the conference organizations be requested to set the times, and places for these rallies as soon as possible, to avoid conflicts with other conference activities.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Malin, Chairman,
Synodical Brotherhood Committee.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, President of Midland College, was presented and made an advisory member of the convention.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Pastor Sarch as follows:

Report of the Foreign Missions Committee

The Foreign Missions Committee met in Topeka, Kansas, on November 19, 1941, to plan for the Epiphany Season's India Centennial Offering. Also present at the meeting was the Rev. John C. Finefrock, who had been asked by the Board of Foreign Missions to assist the synods of this territory in organizing for the Centennial Offering appeal. Because the synodical Foreign Missions did not have letterheads for its committee, a letter was requested from the president of the synod on the synod's stationery asking that all pastors of the synod carefully inspect the packet of materials being sent them from the Board of Foreign Missions and to order such as they desired without delay. This letter was mailed to all pastors of the synod under the date of November 29.

Additional information was sent to the chairman of the synodical committee by the Rev. J. C. Finefrock during the Christmas season, and this material was relayed to pastors of the synod by your committee chairman.

A partial list of results from the appeal was published in the March issue of the K. S. L. A complete list was impossible in time for filing this report but may be given at the convention of the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Search, chairman
Ernest F. Tonsing
Robert E. Gaston

Pastor Search spoke relative to communications from the Board of Foreign Missions as to the situation in the foreign fields in the emergency of war and distributed mimeographed copies to those present.

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence was presented by Pastor Max Gilmer, as follows:

Stewardship and Benevolence

The committee held no meeting during the year because of the lack of funds. However, the chairman contacted the members of the committee by mail and secured their approval on sending stewardship letters and bulletins, periodically, to pastors and leading laymen in the various congregations of Synod.

Twenty-one pastors cooperated in sending in names and addresses of leading laymen of their congregations and to date the committee has

a mailing list of over 200. Four different letters were challenging and to the point, stressing the importance of reaching the 100 per cent apportionment goal and giving suggestions how to get there. Many fine responses were received from the field and we feel that much was accomplished in awakening a new sense of responsibility in stewardship. The committee had planned to continue mailing these bulletins periodically during the year but the President of Synod advised that funds were low, and therefore the practice was discontinued.

Several articles on stewardship were furnished by the committee for Kansas Synod Lutheran and for Lutheran Men. A fine article appeared in *The Lutheran* based upon the stewardship Plan of our Tulsa congregation. The materials furnished by the committee were summed up in a glowing article on Christian Stewardship written by Arthur P. Black for the January issue of *Lutheran Men*.

Your committee feels that it has but "scratched the soil" in this fertile field of stewardship during the year. They appreciate so much the fine response of the pastors and laymen on the field and they trust that during the next year a more systematic effort may be made to reap a more abundant harvest.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we study the recommendations of this committee in the 1939 Minutes of Synod (p. 45-46), and especially recommendation No. 4.
2. That in keeping with article 7, section 4 of the constitution, each pastor cooperate fully with the committee.
3. That at least six stewardship letters or bulletins be mailed at regular intervals during the year.
4. That the treasurer of Synod be a member of this committee and that the latest figures regarding the finances of Synod be at the disposal of this committee.
5. (Stricken)
6. That this committee exchange materials with the Stewardship and Benevolence committees of every other Synod of our Church and pass on the findings to the local congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Bloch
B. P. Sibole
Max Gilmer

A motion to adopt the report, with the exception of Recommendation 5, was seconded and carried. Recommendation 5 was stricken from the report.

The Committee on Constitution, Rev. E. R. Harrison chairman presented the following addition to its report: (See Page 40).

"That the following be adopted as a By-Law of Synod, the same being recommended by the United Lutheran Church in America:

"When requests for appropriations are made from the floor of the convention, they shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report. A two-thirds vote of the convention shall be required for adoption."

A motion to adopt the Report of the Committee on Constitution (Page 40) together with the above recommendation, duly seconded was carried.

Dr. John C. Hershey, President of the Nebraska Synod, was presented and made an advisory member of the convention.

The Report of the Committee on Parish Education was presented by Pastor Pfeiffer, as follows:

Parish Education Committee

The Parish Education Committee of your Synod has been privileged to serve you in the following efforts:

"Junior Camp"

Rev. O. W. Ebright, director of The Junior Camp, submits the following report:

"Our 1941 Junior Camp was held at Wa-shun-ga, June 22nd to 27th inclusive. It was an outstanding success due to four distinct reasons: (1) The idea is growing in our synod. A safe, spiritual, recreational week at such nominal cost, at such a fine place as Wa-shun-ga, for children, has become an attractive thing to the parents in our churches. (2) We had the most wonderful cooperation on the part of our leaders that anyone could expect. The services rendered by the Children of the Church Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing of Wichita, should be especially mentioned. (3) Good advertising through the mail by Rev. Gene Harrison, chairman of the Camp Committee, and the Kansas Synod Lutheran. (4) Faithful prayer on the part of leaders weeks previous to the Camp.

"Attendance: Ten children under nine years of age, who were taught a primary unit of the Children of the Church literature by Mrs. Robert Gaston of Bendena; sixty-seven children, nine, ten and eleven years old, who were taught "Junior Citizens" by five Children of the Church leaders: Mrs. C. C. Emmrich, Wichita; Mrs. L. H. Wieneke, Wichita; Dorothy Ebright, Emporia; Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, Washington; and Mrs. Albert Stutz, Lancaster. Sixty-six youth ages, twelve and thirteen years were taught, "Bible Challenges" or "This is My Church", by Pastors Warfel, Hamrick, Havekost, Malin and Pfeiffer.

"There were twenty-one adults on the staff. Those on the staff other than the teachers were the councilors, and supervisors of athletics music and drama. Our policy this year was to use more local leaders and not spend 50 per cent of our budget bringing board members from the East. It proved a very wise policy.

"There were also eight adults who attended the entire camp period. This made a total of 172 for the camp.

"The response from the churches which have accepted the idea of a Junior Camp was very good. Following is a list of the churches and the number attending from each: Wichita, 31; Lawrence, 29; Emporia, 19; Kansas City, Kan., 5; Wellington, 4; Bendena, 4; Greenleaf, 3; Peabody, 1; Washington, 2; Topeka, 14; Bunker Hill, 6; Hays, 4; Sedalia-Cole Camp, 6; Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., 2; Tulsa, 4; Lancaster, 6; Eureka, 1; Atchison, 8. It was an inspiration to see and work with such a fine group of children as this was, but one wonders why there are still so many churches from which this camp receives no representative.

"The improvements in the property of the camp, i.e. curtains to separate class-rooms, the two organs, tables, black-boards, etc. helped greatly in our effort to divide our children into smaller groups for class work. But there is still room for improvement along this line. If the two large cabins for boys were separated, that is, partitioned, it would greatly facilitate controlling the boys at night."

Children of the Church

The Children of the Church program in our Synod has been directed by Mrs. Robert L. Tonsing of Wichita. Among the several opportunities afforded here was the presenting of the program set-up and literature. Rev. A. D. Havekost, a member of our committee, presented the work at the conference of the Women's Missionary Society of the Western district which met at Waterville, September 23, 1941. Mrs. Tonsing was present herself at the Southern Conference which met in Eureka, November 2nd and 3rd, where she appeared on the program twice to present the appeal for this challenging work among our children.

As Secretary of the children's work, Mrs. Tonsing was called to Peabody to assist that congregation in their program of The Children of the Church, and aided them in improving their organization.

Encouraging and stimulating letters were sent out from time to time to keep the Children of the Church efforts before the pastors, leaders and congregations.

Mrs. Tonsing submits the following report. "The following nineteen congregations have conducted Children of the Church programs: Atchison; Bendena; Chapman; St. Mark's; Lancaster; Oklahoma City; Peabody; Salina; Tulsa; Valley Falls; Wellington; Wichita; Wilson; Waterville; and Emporia.

"Nine Festival programs reported a total of 900 children attending and 296 adults. The total offering from the Festivals amounted to \$67.24. Mrs. Mabel Fenner, reports the total receipts of the Children of the Church of the Synod of Kansas as \$116.74 for 1941."

Promotion

The Regional Conference for Parish Education Committees, conducted by the Parish and Church School Board, met at the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in Maywood, Illinois, June 17 and 18, 1941. Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Rev. A. W. Malin and Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer, attended the

conference. These Regional Conferences have mutual purposes for the Board and the Synods. Constructive suggestions for planning the parish education programs, the revision or the composition of all educational literature for use in our parishes, and the problems we face receive helpful consideration at these conferences.

Parish Education Month was observed in the congregations through the efforts of the contacts made by circular letters sent out by representatives of the committee located in each conference.

The Parish and Church School Board offered ten scholarships at \$10 each to representatives of synods to attend a four week camp at Nawaka, Biglersville, Pennsylvania, in August, 1941, for leadership training. Rev. G. R. Whitecar was recommended and appointed. His scholarship was supplemented with an allowance of \$15 by the Executive Committee. The comprehensive written report of his survey at Camp Nawaka will be highly beneficial to camp committees in the future. The Board is again offering this scholarship to our synod.

By suggestion of the Parish and Church School Board, and direction from the President of Synod, Mr. L. T. Bang was appointed Treasurer of the funds of The Children of the Church, replacing former Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Jacobson of Oklahoma City.

The committee has appointed Rev. S. A. Hamrick, Atchison as Direction of the 1942 Junior Camp.

The Board representative, Rev. Erwin S. Spees, Secretary of Young People's Work, will be present on the territory of Synod to conduct a series of meetings from April 26th to May 10th, 1942. His itinerary has been planned by the committee.

An Intersynodical Leadership Camp for all Lutherans in this territory was a suggestion made at our committee meeting last year. A joint meeting of the Camp Committee and the Parish Education Committee met at Emporia, January 12th, 1942. Rev A. J. Beil was appointed to investigate the possibilities of such a camp.

The effectiveness of any program depends upon the grace of cooperation between congregations, pastors and the committee appointed. We appeal for a more united cooperation in "Christian Advance" through the program drafted by the The Parish and Church School Board. "God Reaching" is the slogan for Parish Education in 1942.

Recommendations

1. That all parishes of the Synod give full cooperation to the Synodical Committee in carrying out the whole program of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. That the Synod direct the Executive Committee in cooperation with the Parish Education Committee to consider and set a reasonable allowance to the Secretary of The Children of the Church for the promotion of its program.

3. "That Mrs. R. L. Tonsing be reappointed as synodical secretary for the Children of the Church."

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. Pfeiffer

A. D. Havekost

Fred Shaffer

A. W. Malin

Mrs. R. L. Tonsing

The Report, with the recommendations, was adopted.

Pastor Mykland presented the Report of the Rural Work Representative as follows:

Rural Work Representative

For last year's Rural Life Sunday, a brief note with the "Enduring Values in Rural Life," was sent to each pastor of Synod to help him form some thought on the matter of Rural Life Sunday. I like to call the Synod's attention to the Rev. A. J. Beil's profitable program for that occasion.

Your chairman was again called into Kansas State College to be an advisory member and help set up the Rural Pastors' Conference. This Conference was held Feb. 2-3, 1942, at the Farm and Home Week of the College, Manhattan. This year's program was much stronger, more instructive, and better balanced than last year's. The first day dealt with the Rural Church in Community Programs, in the Cooperative Movement, and in Rural Welfare, and the Rural Challenge.

The second day, in the morning, the Pastor's Conference joined the Land Tenure session, under its able leadership, and gave a pastor a very graphic picture of its need. The afternoon session was on how the mutual relationship between the Church and the extension agencies could build a better community life.

The members of the extension department gave most generously of their time and help to make the conference a success. The speakers were all very good and instructive, and the discussions were highly interesting. The most outstanding contribution came from the Rev. George Hildner, Catholic priest of Villa Ridge, Mo. This Conference has become an established part of the Farm and Home Week program.

Your chairman is now presenting the need of a Summer School for Rural Pastors and Extension Leaders at the Kansas State College, Manhattan, and this matter has received very kind consideration by a number of leaders. Your chairman also spoke on "The Rural Church as a Force in the National Life," at the morning assembly in the Farm and Home Week, and also assisted in the discussion of the Rural Pastors' Conference, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

May I recommend that we continue to cooperate with the Kansas State College in its Rural Pastors' Conference for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. K. Mykland.

The report was adopted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that Pastor G. K. Mykland be reappointed as Synod's Representative on Rural Work.

It was moved by Pastor Whittecar as follows:

(a) That the Women's Missionary Society of the synod and the Synodical Brotherhood each be requested to make an annual report to the Synod from its Executive Committee.

(b) That the Synod recognize the Executive Committee of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society as a synodical committee on women's work, and the Executive Committee of the Synodical Brotherhood as the synod's committee on Brotherhood.

(c) That each of these committees be requested to choose one or more pastors of the Synod as members of their respective groups.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Report of the Committee on 75th Anniversary was presented by Pastor Whittecar, as follows:

Report of Committee on 75th Anniversary

This committee has held no meeting during the year, largely because of the pressure of other responsibilities on some of the members, as well as a reluctance to incur the expense of such a meeting against the synodical treasury. However, the members have been in correspondence with one another and have investigated similar anniversary programs in other synods so as to gather suggestions for our use. As an aid to our planning, we have the following recommendations:

1. That we designate the synodical year beginning with this convention and culminating with the 1943 convention as our Jubilee Year.

2. That the officers of Synod and the special 75th Anniversary Committee be instructed to arrange the 1943 Convention as a fitting celebration of the 75th anniversary of our organization.

3. That the following projects be approved, to be undertaken as features of the Jubilee Year observance, if, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, as the year progresses, it appears that they can be carried out successfully without excessive financial obligation to the Synod:

(a) Writing and presenting at the 1943 convention a pageant depicting the synod's history.

(b) Preparing and publishing a sketch history of the Synod, perhaps in pictorial form, that can be distributed at a moderate price throughout the Synod.

(c) Promoting a synodical publicity program through the church and public press, and, if possible, through the radio facilities covering the territory of the Synod.

(d) Holding anniversary services by all congregations of the Synod sometime during the year, suggestions as to program features being offered by the synodical committee.

(e) Raising by special offerings Synodical Jubilee Fund of at least \$7,500 for synodical home mission purposes.

(f) Setting and reaching the following goals, which call for aggressive action and progress on various fronts of our church life:

(1.) Increasing the baptized and confirmed membership of the

Synod by at least five per cent, and our communing membership by at least 10 per cent, over figures published this year, the same to be the responsibility of all pastors and congregations.

(2.) Establishing at least one new mission church, the same to be promoted by the Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

(3.) Enlisting at least 10 new recruits for the ministry among the young men of the synod, the same to be promoted by the Committee on Ministerial Education.

(4.) Raising at least 75 per cent of our income objective (total apportionment) the same to be promoted by the Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence, with the cooperation of every pastor and congregation.

4. That other synodical committees, viz., Parish Education, Luther League, Brotherhood, etc., be encouraged to include in their programs and undertakings this year projects of their own choosing that are designed to stimulate interest in the Jubilee Year program and to increase the loyalties of our people to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Whittecar, Ch'm.

The recommendations were adopted seriatim, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. John C. Hershey was asked to address the Synod and bring his greetings from the Nebraska Synod at this time. Dr. Hershey spoke in appreciation of the common interests, problems, and work of the Kansas and Nebraska Synods. Dr. J. A. McCulloch made fitting response.

Pastor Search moved that in view of the illness of Mrs. George Eller, wife of pastor Eller of Beloit, the Synod telegraph flowers to Mrs. Eller and that prayers for her speedy recovery be now offered by the Chaplain of the convention. The motion was carried.

The Chaplain led the convention in prayer for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Eller.

The convention adjourned for the day.

The Third Session, April 15

The convention assembled at 8:45 o'clock. Devotions were conducted by the Chaplain.

The convention was called to order by the president.

Minutes of the First and Second Sessions were presented in mimeographed form by the Secretary. Pastor Pfeiffer, chairman of the Committee on Minutes, reported that the Minutes had been examined, and with minor corrections recommended their approval. These Minutes were approved.

Pastor Hamrick presented the Rev. Armin G. Weng, D.D., Ph. D., President of the Illinois Synod and official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America to this convention. Dr. Weng was made an advisory member of the Synod.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College and Western Seminary was presented by Dr. Stauffer, as follows:

Report of Trustees of Midland College and Western Seminary

Your members on the Board of Trustees of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary submit the following report:

College:

The college opened last September with an enrollment of 326, perhaps the best in the history of the institution. The present war has seriously effected the enrollment and finances of the college. At the end of the first semester the president reports the enrollment as 276 and at the present 286. He also reports a possible drop of 25% in enrollment next year. There will possibly be a decrease for the year of \$15,000.000. It is estimated that there will be an increase of 10% in operating costs. There has been a loss of three faculty members, having gone to better positions. These will be hard to replace. The president reports that there will be a need of salary raise of 10%. This looks like a dark picture, and indeed it is. It calls for your earnest prayers and a more-than-ordinary effort to come to the aid of the college with increased financial help. We must do more than we have done in the past. Nothing less than "all-out" aid should satisfy our synod.

Seminary:

There are seven members on the seminary faculty, only two of whom are full time instructors. The enrollment numbers three Seniors, four Middlers, and five Juniors. There are 24 pre-theological students in the college, some of whom will undoubtedly be called into the service unless the government should give them deferred rating. During the past year members of the faculty and students have supplied vacant charges with considerable regularity, mostly in Nebraska. The Board of Trustees has under consideration the placing of the seminary under the management of a separate board. A proposed plan will probably be presented at this meeting for our consideration.

The morale in both college and seminary has been of the highest order and President Weigman and his faculty are to be commended for the way in which they have handled things under hard and trying circumstances.

Recommendations:

In view of the great and pressing needs for finances, your members of the board would recommend:

First, That we use every possible effort to get the young people of our congregations to attend Midland College.

Second, That in view of the financial needs, we request all congre-

gations of the synod that did not raise their full apportionment for Midland College and Western Seminary for 1941 to take special steps to do so by some special means.

Third, (Stricken).

The terms of synodical members on the board expiring at this meeting are: Dr. E. E. Stauffer and A. F. Swanson.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Stauffer, Chairman.

Dr. Stauffer presented the Special Communication from the Board of Trustees of Midland College, as follows:

Special Communication from Midland College Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Midland College communicates to you Presidents of Seven Constituent Synods the following petition, and asks that you present it for action:

"The Board of Trustees of Midland College views with concern the approach of a major crisis. Steady withdrawals of students into defense activity, discontinuance of NYA, and the necessity for increased financial concessions, have reduced income by \$10,000 at a conservative estimate. Rise of prices by 7 per cent has increased costs of operation by a substantial but as yet unknown amount. If Midland College and Western Seminary are to continue they must receive increased and guaranteed support.

The Board, therefore, most earnestly pleads that the Synods allocate their benevolences in such a manner that not less than sixty cents per communing member shall accrue to the College, and that fifty cents of this allocation shall be designated for the College and ten cents for the Seminary, and that these amounts shall actually be paid.

The Board further pleads that this allocation be effective immediately and that payments to the College be remitted pro rata monthly.

The Synods are hereby informed that action in accordance with the above principle is already in progress by the Pittsburg Synod for Thiel College, by the Iowa Synod for Carthage College, and by Northwest Synod for Northwestern Seminary.

The Board appreciates the full import of this petition and unanimously records its considered judgment that no alternative is possible."

The Board communicates to you a second petition and ask that you present it to your Synod for action:

"Inasmuch as the Synods, with the exception of California, constituent to Midland College and/or Western Seminary at their 1941 meetings recommended that the Board separate the College and Seminary, and inasmuch as certain financial, legal, and ecclesiastical considerations connected therewith must be presented to the Synods before the Board shall feel itself competent to act upon the recommendations for separation, the Board now unanimously presents to your Synod the following petition.

(a) Each Synod select one commissioner to be its constituent member on a committee on a western seminary; and that these elections be held at the 1942 sessions of their respective synods; (b) Instruct their commissioners to assemble at Denver on Wednesday, July 1, 1942, at 10:00 a.m., to formulate a definite organization of a seminary on the western territory; (c) Designate Dr. Gould Wickey as advisory member of the committee and convener of the Denver meeting; (d) Assume all necessary expense involved in the attendance of their commissioners; (e) That Dr. F. C. Wiegman be present in an advisory capacity."

It will be appreciated if the synods which do not elect such commissioners will notify the Board what their further pleasure is with respect to separation.

Fred C. Wiegman, President

Dr. Stauffer asked that Dr. F. C. Wiegman, President of Midland College and Western Seminary, be permitted to address the convention relative to the report and the special communication. Dr. Wiegman addressed the synod.

The First Recommendation in the Report of the Trustees was adopted.

Recommendation 2 in the Report of the Trustees was adopted.

Recommendation 3 in the Report of the Trustees was referred to the Executive Committee of the Synod for study and recommendation, in accordance with the newly adopted By-Law governing appropriations requested from the floor of Synod. (See Page 47).

The Special Communication from the Board of Trustees was received and considered.

A motion to refer the communication to the Executive Committee for study and recommendation was seconded and carried.

During the discussion Dr. Weng, who is a member of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, addressed the Synod.

By a second motion, the above action to refer the whole Communication to the Executive Committee was reconsidered and a substitute motion was passed that the item pertaining to benevolence funds be referred to the Executive Committee and that the other matters involved in the Communication be considered at once.

There followed lengthy and earnest discussion on the matters contained in the Communication.

Pastor Kerstetter moved that Midland College and Western Seminary continue on the status quo, and that we make every possible effort to support the program of the college and seminary to the best of our ability. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Harkness moved to amend the foregoing motion by substituting the following:

"Resolved that it is the sense of this synod, in Convention assembled in Hutchinson, Kansas, that theological training of young men in the

Western Theological Seminary should be suspended, and that the seminary be not opened this fall, awaiting the time when and if a well defined plan for reopening or the establishment of a new seminary in conjunction with the United Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed feasible and essential, and that our trustees be instructed to work to that end."

The motion was seconded by Pastor Tonsing. After thorough discussion, the motion to adopt the substitute was lost.

The original motion was carried.

The convention recessed for luncheon.

The Fourth Session, April 15

The President called the convention to order. Pastor Miller led those present in prayer.

Dr. Swihart, chairman of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, presented the following report:

1. Your committee recommends that Dr. A. G. Weng present his message from the United Lutheran Church in America as the first item of business on Thursday morning.

2. It is recommended that the Necrology service be held after the presentation of Dr. Weng's message.

3. We recommend a recess of Synod until three o'clock.

By motion, the report was adopted. The convention recessed until three o'clock.

Upon reconvening, the convention was led in prayer by the Chaplain. The President called the convention to order.

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was presented by Pastor Rangeler as follows:

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home

We give thanks to God for a prosperous 1941. Every item in income exceeded that of 1940 and several years previous. \$5,000.00 was paid on the loan from the building fund before December 31, and to date \$2,500.00 more has been paid.

Dr. M. A. Ritzen, on the advice of his physician, resigned as Superintendent and terminated his services at Tabitha Home June 30, 1941. Dr. O. W. Ebright of Emporia, Kansas, was extended a call and accepted, beginning his superintendency of Tabitha Home July 1, 1941. We appreciate the fine work done by Dr. Ritzen. We believe that we have an excellent Superintendent in Dr. Ebright, and that conditions at Tabitha Home are better than ever before.

Even though we practiced the utmost economy, our expenditures were approximately the same as in previous years. Every possible means of economy has been effected without impairing the service to our aged and children. Our aged and children must have proper medical

care and all must be sufficiently fed and clothed. We realize that more and more it is necessary for us to look to our people for donations and bequests.

Sister Ida Klucker, whose services meant so much to Tabitha Home, passed to her reward in August. Since her retirement from Tabitha Home she had been in the Mother House at Baltimore. Miss Harriet Kjerulff who was our secretary for a number of years, resigned and terminated her services July 15, 1941.

No special effort was made on the building fund, but a number of bequests and contributions have come in. A new building constructed of brick and concrete houses our new heating plant consisting of two boilers and stokers sufficient to heat the proposed new building, the parsonage, and boys' dormitory. This building also contains a large laundry room and garage for four cars. The total cost of building and equipment was \$14,196.00, and this is the first unit of the new building.

There had been collected on the new building fund to December 31, 1941, \$33,104.00; pledges outstanding estimated at between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. The Board believes it advisable to keep this project before the people and to canvas those congregations not yet canvassed. The need for a new building grows each year. Our aged roll now is 65, children 41. Every room in the aged department is occupied, including the guest room, and more are asking for admittance.

RECEIPTS:

For Aged	\$10,168.56
For Orphanage	1,545.62
Interest	456.17
District Synods	4,016.53
Donations	11,454.51
Bequests	4,165.57
Tabitha Home Messenger	2.35
Community Chest	2,716.00
Received on Gage County Electric Co., Collec- tion and Liquidation Certificate	850.00
Received from Sale of Property	1,536.61

Total Receipts

\$36,911.92

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	\$ 9,929.57
Printing	473.77
Telephone and Telegraph	157.25
Auto Expense	507.28
Auditing and Legal	110.00
Freight, Express, and Postage	469.38
Travel Expense	322.20
Laundry	1,026.07
Heat, Light, and Gas	2,707.43
Repairs	765.84

Insurance	606.24
Interest	317.62
Taxes	1,059.50
Water	438.97
House Supplies	506.19
Miscellaneous Expense	414.60
Food	4,202.65
Clothing	26.10
Medical Relief	699.27
Funeral Expense	165.58
Repayment of Loans	5,034.49
Yard Improvements	16.10
Purchase of Miscellaneous Equipment	96.60
Cemetery Lots	40.00
Total Disbursements	\$30,092.70

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. E. Rangeler

Mr. W. H. Guenther

Dr. D. W. Ebright, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, addressed the synod.

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was adopted.

Pastor Mykland moved, Pastor McConnell seconded, that the synod of Kansas and Adjacent States transfer to the building fund of Tabitha Home the Inner Mission Deaf Mute Fund of \$1,200 (Minutes, 1932, Page 12) at the rate of \$200 per year. The motion carried.

Mr. Reuben Levine, Waterville, was elected as a member of the Tabitha Home Board of Trustees, for a two year term, 1942-1944.

Pastor Mykland moved that "We, the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, do memorialize the United Lutheran Church in America through the Board of Education to call the attention of all our educational institutions to the need of a course on Christian marriage to be included in the curriculum of our institutions."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Pastor Search presented the Report of the Committee on the President's Report, as follows:

"Your committee on President's Report has considered the report of your President and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the President's Report be accepted as printed in the advance program of the convention.
2. That the President's supplementary report be adopted and included only in the protocol of the synod and not be printed in the Minutes of this Convention.
3. That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

4. That Recommendation 2 be adopted.
5. That Recommendation 3 be stricken from the Report.
6. That Recommendation 4 be amended to read:
"That the committee on Ministerial Education be instructed to increase its efforts to promote the cause of the Gospel Ministry to choice young men in order that the work of the Church may proceed uninterrupted in the future."
7. That Recommendation 5 be adopted.
8. That the Report of the President be adopted as a whole.

The above recommendations were considered seriatim and each was adopted. Recommendations 1, 2, and 5 of the President's Report (Page 16) were declared to be adopted, Recommendation 3 was stricken from the Report, and Recommendation 4 was declared adopted as amended. The Report of the President was declared adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by Pastor McConnell, signed by Dr. B. R. Lantz, Chairman, as follows:

"Mr. Paul Close has passed a satisfactory examination, and your Examining Committee recommends him for ordination."

The report was adopted. The President announced that such ordination as was authorized by this action would take place at the service this evening.

Pastor Messer announced that to his knowledge Pastor Rudolph Moehring, Linn, Kansas, was to have been a fraternal delegate from the Midwest Synod, but due to another appointment was unable to attend, and that Pastor Moehring sends his regrets in being absent.

The Rev. H. H. Ragatz, district secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and by common consent, was heard at this time. Mr. Ragatz spoke of the work of the society that he represents and of the need for a larger support of its work by all our churches.

Pastor Whittecar presented the Report of the Committee on Social Mission on behalf of Pastor Beil, as follows:

Committee on Social Missions

Your Committee desires to bring to the attention of Synod suggestions offered by the Board of Social Missions.

"The following suggestions, growing out of the problems of today, are being passed on to you in the hope that you will study them and make the best possible use of them in furthering the work of the Kingdom of God in your community."

Areas of Christian Patriotic Service

We must find something to do which will prove constructive, not simply "made work." But, we are confronted with the questions: What is needed? What is the most important? To what tasks can we as Christian citizens give ourselves?

Spiritual Defenses: The first and foremost task undoubtedly is to strengthen the spiritual defenses of our nation. If these fail, all other defenses will count for nought. That means more vitality in the program of the church, more dynamic preaching of the Gospel of God's redeeming love; more intelligent service of love and mercy to those suffering under the burden of war.

Defense Workers: From every congregation an increasing number of both men and women will go to engage in some form of defense service. It should be the joy of every pastor to write at least a monthly letter to all such as are away from home.

Members in Service: Those who are and will be with the armed forces of America should be written to regularly. They should never be allowed to feel that their church has forgotten them. The temptations to excesses will be powerful. The staying power of a genuine interest in their welfare on the part of the church and the knowledge that they are regularly borne before God in prayer will do much to help them resist evil.

Areas of Social Action

Recommendations in the field of Social Action as approved by the Board at its annual meeting, December 11, 1941:

That we urge our pastors and congregations to encourage Christian men and women to assume responsibilities in local organizations for civic righteousness in efforts to secure legislative action and law enforcement against social evils that hinder the progress of the Gospel.

That we call to the attention of the Church the need for the study and discussion of proper peace objectives for the world now at war and that we commend for this purpose the booklets, "Bases of a Just and Durable Peace" and "Long Range Peace Objectives" copies of which may be secured from the Board of Social Missions at ten cents each; in quantities of five or more, five cents each plus postage. Another booklet, "When Hostilities Cease," may be secured for thirty-five cents a copy.

That we again commend to our pastors and leaders of youth the plan for reconstruction after war through the setting up of summer work camps as offering opportunities not only for co-operative living and Christian social action, but also for the deepening of the spiritual life of youth so necessary in these times.

That we commend our pastors in making full use of the Means of Grace by which faith is generated and confirmed, in order that our people may be prepared in mind and heart to face the strain and stress of life today.

That we call upon our pastors and members of our congregations to bear witness in both private and public life to the ecumenical character of Christian faith, the demands of personal and corporate penitence, and the necessity of maintaining ties of Christian love and communion above the hatreds and cleavages of war.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred J. Bell, Chairman.

Dr. Weng spoke with regard to the importance of the paragraph on "Members in Service," emphasizing that frequent contact by pastors with men in the armed forces is most necessary.

The report was adopted.

Dr. McCulloch presented the Report of the Committee on Executive Committee's Report, as follows:

"Your Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee recommends the approval of the budget for benevolence amended by the Executive Committee as follows:

U.L.C.A.	\$2.50	Kansas Synod Lutheran	.15
Midland College	.85	Ministerial Education	.25
Synodical Home Missions	.40	Synodical Treasury	.60
Tabitha Home	.25		
			5.00

"We cannot recommend approval or disapproval of the action of the Executive Committee in regard to its procedure in dealing with the Oklahoma City situation, since this matter has been referred to a special committee."

The Secretary then presented the following recommendations from the Executive Committee which had met in special session earlier in the afternoon to consider matters referred to it by the Convention:

1. That the budget be amended to include .85 per communicant member for Midland College and \$2.50 for the United Lutheran Church in America. (Whole amended budget appears above.)

2. That the apportionment budget for 1943 be a total of \$5.20 per communicant the same to be distributed by the Executive Committee.

3. That Recommendation 3 in the Report of the Trustees of Midland College (page 54) be stricken from the report.

4. That it is the sense of this synod that the granting of the request made in the third paragraph of the Special Communication from the Board of Trustees of Midland College, (Page 54) is not feasible.

The Report of the Committee on Executive Committee's Report was adopted.

The above recommendations of the Executive Committee were adopted.

The convention adjourned for the day.

Ordination Service, April 15, 1942

Mr. Paul Close was ordained into the gospel ministry, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, by President W. Wilbur Klover, assisted by the Rev. George R. Whittecar, Secretary of Synod, Dr. Andreas Bard, and Dr. B. R. Lantz, at a public service of the Synod at 8 o'clock, Wednesday, April 15. The sermon was preached by Dr. Bard. Secretary Whittecar served as liturgist with the assistance of Dr. Lantz.

Fifth Session, April 16, 1942

The devotional service was conducted by the Chaplain. The session was called to order by the President. Roll was checked by Presidents of the conferences.

Pastor R. R. Pfeiffer presented the Minutes of the Third and Fourth sessions, and with minor corrections, recommended their approval. They were approved.

In accordance with a special order for the day, Dr. A. G. Werg, official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America, addressed the Synod, speaking especially of: (1) the Ministry of Christian Tracts. (2) the U.L.C.A. church paper policy. (3) the National Lutheran Council's appeal for orphaned missions and service men, and (4) the Father Heyer and Muhlenberg anniversaries, especially the forthcoming congregational observances of the Muhlenberg bi-centennial, November 20, 1942.

The Chaplain and Dr. B. R. Lantz conducted a service in memory of the Rev. Newton H. Royer, D. D., deceased October 4, 1941, Dr. Lantz speaking in appreciation of the life and ministry of Dr. Royer.

Consideration of the Report of the Midland College Board of Trustees, (See Page 53) was resumed. The report as a whole was adopted with the exception of Recommendation 3 which had been stricken from the report. (See Page 61).

Consideration of the Special Communication from the Board of Trustees of Midland College was resumed. (See Page 54). A motion to adopt Recommendation (a) was lost, and the subsequent recommendations, all dependent on Recommendation (a), were likewise declared by the President to be lost.

In response to the request in the communication that the Synod declare itself further with respect to the separation of the college and seminary, it was moved by Pastor Beil, seconded and carried, that we report to the Board of Midland College that last year this Synod voted favoring the separation of Midland College and the Western Seminary, and that this year a motion was lost calling for the suspending of Western Theological seminary.

The following motion by Dr. Lantz, duly seconded, was carried: That Synod instruct its representatives on the Midland College Board of trustees to have appointed a committee from the Board to study the question of the separation of the seminary from the college under a separate Board of Trustees and that one member from each constituent synod be appointed on this committee, and (b) that Dr. Gould Wickey be designated as an advisory member and convener of the committee, to meet at Fremont, and also that Dr. F. C. Wiegman be present in an advisory capacity.

The following were elected as representatives of the Synod on the Board of Trustees of Midland College for terms of three years each, 1942-1945:

E. E. Stauffer, D.D., Wichita

W. D. Bishop, M.D., Kansas City, Kansas

Pastor S. A. Hamrick presented the Report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions, as follows:

Report of Home Missions Committee

Your Home Missions Committee is happy to report that the mission work of our Synod is moving forward in a satisfactory manner. During the year some member of the committee has visited every one of our mission churches and has conferred where it was necessary with the Pastor and Church Council.

Eight congregations are receiving assistance from either the Board of American Missions, or the Home Missions Committee, or both.

St. Luke's, Fort Smith, Ark., called the Rev. Norbert Zabel as Pastor Feb. 1, 1941. The work there is progressing in a very fine way. The baptized membership is now 137, and the confirmed membership is 114. The congregation assumed an additional \$100.00 toward the Pastor's salary for 1942, receiving from the B. A. M. \$500.00.

Trinity, Kansas City, Kan. The Rev. W. W. Klover, Pastor, continues to push forward. New financial arrangements have been made through Mr. E. L. Bowman of the Church Extension Division of the B. A. M. This should give them more hope and light for the future. The burden of a great debt still hangs over their head. The congregation assumed 10 per cent reduction from the B. A. M. and will receive in 1942, \$864.00. The baptized membership is 303; the confirmed membership is 239, and the communing membership is 217.

Zion, Hutchinson, Kan. The Rev. E. R. Harrison, Pastor. The spirit is better in Zion than for many years. Floods hit many members. On June 11, 1941, a mortgage of \$7,000.00 was filed in the Reno County Court House, Hutchinson, Kansas, wherein the Board of American Missions gather into one note the indebtedness against the church building of this parish. The debt is as follows:

\$1,500.00	Church Extension loan made in 1896.
5,000.00	To redeem church building from sheriff's sale.
500.00	For total incidental expenses connected with above.
\$7,000.00	Total

This is to be amortized by the congregation at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; 5 per cent on principal and 1 per cent interest. (Paid in 1941, \$421.00.) On Feb. 15, 1942, the Board of American Missions placed a mortgage on the parsonage for \$1,000.00 to be amortized at the rate of \$200.00 a year on principal and interest at 4 per cent. This is an investment loan from the Board. In addition to meeting the amortiza-

tion payments on the Church property, the congregation has during the year 1941 and the first weeks of the present year reduced the debt on the parsonage from \$1,450.00 to \$1,000.00. The present financial plan is to keep up the amortization payments on the church building and to liquidate the parsonage debt as soon as possible. The baptized membership is 339; the confirmed is 262, and the communing is 180. They also assumed an additional \$100.00 of the Pastor's salary.

Zion's, Beloit, Kan., the Rev. George Eller, Pastor. As we study the annual report sent to the Committee we can see and feel the fine spirit in this church. Things are looking up for Rev. Eller and his people. They voluntarily ask for a cut in aid from the Committee and will receive \$240.00 in 1942. The baptized membership is 183; confirmed 147, and communing 98.

Bethlehem, Wakeeney, Kan., the Rev. G. C. Schaub, Ph. D., acting Pastor. A mighty fine spirit prevails in this parish. The members are looking up for the first time in years, due to a good crop. You will hear from them in the future. They will receive \$300.00 from our Home Mission committee this year. Plans for self support are being made.

St. Mark's, Norcatur, Kan. Your Committee is making arrangements so that services will be conducted for these people at least once every three months. A fine spirit of loyalty is shown by the members.

Long Island, Kan. This field has been vacant for several years. The congregation is small and unable to support a pastor. Your Committee has made arrangements to have the Rev. Harold Hendrickson of Stamford, Nebraska, supply them two Sundays each month.

First, Topeka, Kan., the Rev. Ralph Rangelier, Pastor. First Church has made some mighty fine progress this past year. The spirit of cooperation and good will is felt by all. They have assumed an additional \$150.00 of the aid granted last year. Your Committee, at their request, is granting them \$200.00 for 1942.

Since the last meeting of Synod, the Rev. O. W. Ebricht, D. D., a member of the Committee, has been called as Superintendent of Tabitha Home. Dr. Andreas Bard was appointed by the Executive Committee to take his place. The terms of Dr. E. E. Stauffer and Mr. L. W. Bauerle expire this year. Both may be re-elected. Please note that neither laymen nor clergy from mission churches are permitted to serve on the Committee, unless he be president of Synod.

Your Committee has requested the Executive Committee of Synod for permission to set aside the \$1,625.00 received from the sale of the property at Ottawa, which sum is to be used only for the purpose of establishing new work in our Synod.

The Home Mission Budget for 1942

Grants Approved by Board of American Missions:

Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas	\$864.00
Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas	750.00
St. Luke's, Fort Smith, Ark.	500.00

Requests Granted by Synodical Committee:

Zion, Beloit, Kansas	\$240.00
Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas	300.00
First, Topeka, Kansas	200.00
Bethlehem, Wakeeney, Kansas	300.00
Estimated Expenses of Committee	200.00
By action of Synod 1941, aid to Children's Memorial, K. C., Mo.	200.00

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Hamrick, Chairman.

Synodical Home Missions

RECEIPTS

1941 Cash Balance	\$ 1,578.78	
1941 Apportionment	800.00	\$ 2,378.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Beloit, Kansas	\$ 275.00	
Wakeeney, Kansas	275.00	
Hutchinson, Kansas	275.00	
Topeka, Kansas	350.00	
Committee Meetings	15.90	
President Klover's New York Meeting	20.00	
Printing	5.50	
Training School Committee Expense	45.00	
Wichita Kansas Mission Expense (New)	16.00	
Hutchinson Kansas, Rev. Hamrick Expense	14.40	
Fort Smith, Ark., Rev. Hamrick Expense	21.60	
Mission Churches Visits	28.29	
Postage and Office supplies	25.43	\$ 1,367.12
Cash Balance January 1st, 1942		\$ 1,011.12

Respectfully submitted,

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer.

A motion that the last paragraph, relative to the Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, be stricken from the Report, was carried.

The Report was adopted as thus amended.

The following were elected to membership on the Synodical Committee on Home Missions, for terms as designated:

Charles A. Harkness, Jr., Greenleaf, Kansas—1942-1944

Pastor Robert D. Kerstetter, St. Joseph, Mo.—1942-1945

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by Dr. E. E. Stauffer, as follows:

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

Your committee on Ministerial Education submit the following report:

During the year financial support has been given to four men, as follows: Mr. Paul Close, \$150.00; Mr. James F. Shirek, \$200.00; Mr. Wilford Henning, \$200.00, and Mr. William Eller, \$200.00. Mr. Paul Close is a Senior in the Seminary. During the summer he supplied at Valley Falls and has received and accepted a call to that congregation. He will probably ask for ordination at this convention. The other men have done considerable supply work, mainly in Nebraska. All of these men have done good work as reported by their instructors.

We have received a request from Rev. G. Arthur Fry, D.D., in behalf of the Board of Diaconess work, to aid financially young women who offer themselves for full time service to the church, and others who may desire to prepare for the diaconate. Article 5, Section 4, paragraph 3 of our synodical constitution has this provision: "It shall be the duty of this committee (The Ministerial Education Committee) to encourage and aid men and women to prepare for missionary and life service work with such appropriations as the synod may authorize." Your committee notified Dr. Fry of this provision saying that our committee would be willing to aid, but that our funds at the present time are considerably overdrawn.

Your committee recommends that it be authorized to continue financial assistance, such as may be needed, to the three men now in college, not to exceed \$200.00. And further that the committee be empowered to extend aid to other worthy applicants, if in its judgment aid is justifiable; also that the apportionment for 1942 be set at 25c per communicant member.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Stauffer

On motion, each of the the three recommendations in the report was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief was presented by Dr. B. R. Lantz, as follows:

Report of Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief

The Omaha Convention of the United Lutheran Church adopted a Contributory Reserve Pension Plan. Both minister and congregation were to pay 5 percent of the salary. The plan was to be put into operation when 500 clergymen and their employing agencies applied for admission. "No one" was to be admitted after the date of the beginning of the plan was announced to the Church.

The plan now in operation was to be continued for the benefit of its "present beneficiaries" as well as to supplement payments to beneficiaries of the new plan who had not built up sufficient reserve to pay them a minimum of \$300 a year.

Considerable confusion resulted as to the interpretation of the words "no one." The Board said it meant no one. The Church interpreted the words to mean no one ordained after the contributory plan became operative.

The Board interpreted "present beneficiaries" to mean the present pensioners. The Church interpreted them to mean the presently ordained ministers. The president of the United Lutheran Church, when asked for a ruling gave the words the Church interpretation.

These differences were brought to the attention of the Executive Board and the problematic questions of the plan were referred to the legal committee of the Board. This committee's report, although nearly complete could not be presented formally to the Executive Board at its meeting in New York, January 8 of this year. After free discussion for two sessions when the Executive Board adjourned for a meeting of the committee as a whole, essential agreement was reached by all parties concerned, and it became common understanding that the Executive Board at its next meeting will approve the report of the Legal Committee and make it a part of its own report to the Louisville Convention.

At present the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States has three retired pastors and nine widows who are beneficiaries, the same number as reported last year.

In the United Lutheran Church, the Board assists 1181 beneficiaries. They receive \$251,570. This number is a slight decrease over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. Lantz,
Robert D. Kerstetter.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Absentees and Excuses reported as follows:

The following have requested to be excused from all or part of the sessions of this convention of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused: The Pastors George Eller, J. Ernest Messer, A. L. Groseclose, G. C. Schaub, and Walter H. Moeller, Major Joseph O. Ensrud, and Pastor-Emeritus C. F. Weist.

We regret that approximately half of the Congregations evidently do not take seriously their obligation to have lay representatives at the convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Luther Miller
E. H. Gilmer
Albert Grittmann

The Report was adopted.

Following recess for luncheon, the convention was called to order by the President and the Committee on Reference and Counsel reported as follows:

"Your committee recommends that the Report of the Special Committee on Discipline be made the first order of business in an executive session."

The Report was adopted.

The Synod went into executive session. The President appointed Mr. A. G. Schenke as sergeant-at-arms.

The Report of the Committee on Discipline was presented by Dr. E. E. Stauffer, Chairman, as follows:

"We, your disciplinary Committee appointed for the purpose of hearing the charges preferred against Frederick H. Bloch of Oklahoma City, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, submit the following report, as required by our Constitution under Article Nine, Section 3-C, Paragraph 1:

Under the general charge of Insubordination and Wilful Violation of Synodical Constitution, there are fourteen specifications numbering serially from one to fourteen:

(Here follows fourteen specifications, together with the Committee's vote in regard to each, the same being recorded in the Protocol of the Convention.)

On the charge of Insubordination and Wilful Violation of Synodical Constitution, we, the Committee, find the defendant guilty.

Under the general charge of Conduct Incompatible with the Character of the Ministerial Office there were sixteen charges numbering serially from one to sixteen.

Here follows sixteen specifications, together with the Committee's vote in regard to each, the same being recorded in the Protocol of the Convention.)

On the charge of Conduct Incompatible with the Character of the Ministerial Office, we, the Committee, find the defendant guilty.

Having found the accused guilty on the charges of Insubordination and Wilful Violation of Synodical Constitution and of Conduct Incompatible with the Character of the Ministerial Office, your committee recommends that:

The penalty be that the Reverend Frederick H. Bloch be and is hereby suspended from the office of the ministry.

Signed:

E. E. Stauffer
S. A. Hamrick
R. E. Gaston

Klaas de Freese
A. W. Malin
I. W. Thomas
W. C. Miller

It was moved by Pastor Beil, seconded by Pastor McConnell, that the report be adopted. After discussion, the motion was carried, and the report was declared by the President to be adopted.

A motion was made by Pastor Hamrick, and seconded by Mykland, as follows:

Be it resolved, that all things done by the Executive Committee at their special meeting at Emporia, Kansas, on February 26th, 1942, be and are hereby approved.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Action on the Report of the Disciplinary Committee having been completed, the convention continued in open session.

Three congregations, Topeka, Chapman, and Children's Memorial, Kansas City, presented invitations to the Synod to meet with them in 1943 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the synod's founding. The invitation from Topeka, the parish wherein the synod was organized, was accepted, with the understanding that the delegates be responsible for their own entertainment.

It was moved, and seconded, that By-Law 3 under the heading "Convention," requiring entertainment of delegates to the synodical meetings on the Harvard plan, be repealed. The motion carried.

The Report of the Committee on Claims was presented, and the following bills were approved:

Miss Edna Elder, Hutchinson, stenographic work	\$3.00
Hutchinson florist	1.79

Pastor J. E. Messer presented the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

That by a rising vote of thanks we express our appreciation:

(1) To the Hutchinson Herald and the Hutchinson News for the fine reports given to Synod in the press.

(2) To the U.L.C.A. for the informational and inspirational visit of the Reverend Armin G. Wong.

(3) To the officers, committees, and chaplain of Synod for the orderly conduct of the business and spiritual affairs of the body assembled.

(4) To our hosts, the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, the women of the church, the choir, and the pastor loci, the Reverend Eugene R. Harrison, for their ministry of hospitality.

J. Ernest Messer, Chairman
Fuller Bergstresser

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The following were elected as delegates to the Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America in Louisville, Ky., in October, 1942:

Clergymen

President W. W. Klover
Eugene R. Harrison
George L. Search
Robert E. Gaston

Laymen

Dr. E. E. Harvey, Salina
Fred Kloepper, Lancaster
A. F. Swanson, Hays
Evan W. Tonsing, Atchison

The following were elected as alternate delegates, to serve in order as listed:

Clergymen

1. Robert D. Kerstetter
2. George R. Whittecar
3. Max Gilmer
4. A. D. Havekost

Laymen

1. John H. Shirk, Oklahoma City
2. Barton P. Sibole, Tulsa
3. H. L. Wertz, Wichita
4. W. C. Miller, Kansas City

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the election of delegates to U.L.C.A. conventions be arranged earlier than the last session in succeeding synodical convention programs.

Pastor Hamrick addressed the Synod with regard to the organization of the Topeka District of the Lutheran Home Missions council and he possibilities it holds for inter-synodical cooperation and intelligent action in the home mission field.

Pastor Harrison spoke with appreciation of the excellent publicity given the synodical convention in the local press.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was given authority to approve the Minutes of the Final Sessions of the convention and to transact any business left unfinished at the close of the convention.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Synod adjourn.

The President led the Synod in the Order for Closing of Synods and declared the Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention of the Synod to be closed.

The foregoing is a true record of the Proceedings of the Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George R. Whittecar, Secretary.

Constitution

of the
SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES
of the
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

ARTICLE ONE THE SYNOD

Section 1, The Name

The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

Section 2, The Doctrinal Basis

1. This Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and as the only infallible rule of faith and practice according to which all doctrine and teachings are to be judged.

2. This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds namely the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian, as the important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures and rejects all errors which they condemn.

3. This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all Churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

4. This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the large and small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as in harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Section 3, The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ministers and congregations in unity with the Doctrinal Basis in Section 2 received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister applying for admission into this Synod and accepting this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis and who holds a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the Synod from which he comes may upon recommendation of the Examining Committee be received into membership.

3. Any congregation located within or contiguous to the natural bounds of the territory of this Synod may upon the approval of the Executive Committee of Synod be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

4. Every congregation shall be faithful to its obligations to this Synod in all matters of support, practice, and Church government.

5. Other members shall be such as are received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

Section 4, Objects, Duties, and Powers

In accordance with the Doctrinal Basis set forth in Section 2 of this article and in full accord with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, this Body recognizes that all power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments. Therefore this body is organized:

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5-6, Augsburg Confession Art. 7.)

2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16, I Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the congregation in faith, in confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

3. To give outward expression to the spiritual unity of Evangelical Lutheran congregations, to cultivate cooperation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

4. To awaken, coordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregation in such operations as the following:

a. The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance and strengthening of institutions for the promotion of such training.

b. The extension of the Kingdom of God by the support of Home, Foreign, and Inner Missions under the administration and functions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

c. The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in cooperation with the boards, committees, and agencies of the United Lutheran Church in America.

5. The cultivation of worship in the congregation and family, that the same, in character and administration may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, as well as the practice of the United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the body of Christ.

6. To solicit and disburse funds and to devise ways and means necessary for the purpose of the work defined in this constitution.

7. To ordain fitted men for the Holy Office of the ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination, or an unworthy or wicked life.

8. To maintain discipline unto the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

9. To maintain a true connection and relation with the United Lutheran Church in America and all its interests and obligations.

Section 5, Functions and Powers

The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall be distributed into two departments, the Synod and the Conferences.

ARTICLE TWO

MEETINGS

1. A regular meeting of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the By-laws.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Committee, or the written requests of one-fifth of the ministers, but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers of Synod, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary by publication in the official organ of the United Lutheran Church in America at least four weeks in advance for regular meetings, and two weeks for special meetings, and by mail to all ministers and congregations of Synod.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1, The Officers

1. The officers of the Synod shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Statistical Secretary, and a Historian, who shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Synod. Ministers only shall be eligible to the offices of President and Recording Secretary. For administrative purposes the Synod may from time to time elect and designate other officers additional to those named in this paragraph.

2. The term of office of the President shall be for two years eligible to re-election for one term of two years. That of other officers shall be for one year or until their successors have been elected. They shall be eligible to re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to fill the same until the next regular meeting of the Synod.

4. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by this office and such other remuneration as the Synod may determine.

Section 2, The President

1. The term of office of the President shall begin with the adjournment of the Synodical convention at which he was elected.

2. He shall have oversight of all ministers and congregations con-

nected with the Synod and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the Church, and as necessity arises he is directed to visit the congregations belonging to the Synod and confer and advise with pastors and people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare.

3. He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly obeyed and its resolutions carried into effect.

4. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its By-Laws.

5. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying out the business of the corporation, the President and Secretary are authorized and empowered in the name of the Synod to sign the name and affix the corporate seal of the Synod.

6. He shall annually submit to the Synod a report of all his official acts together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section 3, The Secretaries

1. There shall be a recording Secretary of the Synod as a corporation who shall keep all official minutes of the Synod. He and any other Secretaries which the Synod may elect shall begin their duties with the adjournment of the Synodical convention at which he or they were elected.

2. The Secretary or Secretaries shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to Synod with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also, a similar register of the congregations or pastorates connected with the Synod, of the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them. Accurate and faithful records of all the proceedings of the Synod shall be kept by the Secretary or Secretaries and such other duties as the Synod may from time to time direct.

3. The Secretary of the corporation is authorized and empowered in the name of the Synod to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, when signed and sealed by the President.

Section 4, The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the Treasurer shall be for one year and shall begin with the adjournment of the convention where he was elected. He shall be eligible to reelection.

2. The Treasurer shall have charges of all the moneys and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenue, and of its trust funds except as Synod may specially commit to other agents, holding same at all times subject to the order of Synod.

3. He shall receive and acknowledge all contributions, donations, legacies, and bequests made to Synod, collect all interests and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Executive Committee.

4. He shall keep a regular account with each congregation of the Synod, and shall from time to time during the Synodical year inform the Council of each congregation of the state of their account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of the Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. By and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee he shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted, and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy of record and mortgages, judgments, notes, or recorded evidences of indebtedness, upon the payment and receipt in full of the amounts so secured by the same, and to sign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans or judgments.

6. He shall deposit regularly all moneys received for any account of the Synod and make all investments, in the name of and for use of the Synod.

7. On entering upon his office he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties in such amount at the Executive Committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the President, and the cost of which shall be paid by the Synod.

8. At each annual convention he shall render a full, detailed, and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements of his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligations to the United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified before presentation.

Section 5, The Statistician

1. The term of office of the Statistician shall begin with the adjournment of the convention where he was elected.

2. He shall send out, receive and tabulate the Parochial reports, prepare the Apportionment table, and collect and tabulate such other statistics as the Synod may direct.

3. Parochial report blanks are to be sent to the pastors of the congregations at least four weeks before the time they must be returned to the Statistical Secretary.

Section 6, The Historian

1. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep the file of the minutes of Synod and all official publications. He shall keep a record of the death of clerical members of the Synod and an obituary pertaining to each. He shall also make a collection of such clippings and programs

of incidents in connection with the various congregations as he may be able to obtain, and any other material which in his judgment may serve for future reference.

ARTICLE FOUR THE CONFERENCES

1. District Conferences shall be constituted, composed of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory as from time to time may be determined by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each Conference to care for the interests and development of the Church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod; and to attend to such other matters within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod or the Executive Committee.

3. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing within the bounds of a conference shall by that fact belong to that conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod not actively serving a pastorate shall belong to the conference on whose territory they reside. If any portion of a pastorate is not within the boundary lines of the same conference district, the place in which the pastor resides shall determine his own and the conference connection of the pastorate.

4. Each Conference shall meet at least once annually and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the President of the conference or as may be otherwise determined by the conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the conference together with the lay delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

5. Each Conference shall annually elect a minister to serve as President and such other officers as may be necessary for the transaction of its business.

6. The Conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod or of the regulations and resolutions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

7. The action of the Conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

8. The President of each conference shall make a written report including an abstract of the proceedings of the conference, stating also, the conditions and needs of the Church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the President at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod.

9. The President of Synod shall have a voice and vote in the meetings of the conferences.

ARTICLE FIVE COMMITTEES

Section I, Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Synod consisting of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Synod, and the

Presidents of the Conferences together with one layman from each conference. This committee shall be elected annually by the Synod by ballot.

2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the Synod and to carry out its resolutions; to attend to the business of the Synod during the interim; to supervise and provide effective agencies for the laying and collection of apportionments; to promote the interests of the United Lutheran Church in America; to receive the reports of the work and needs of the several boards and committees, and present an estimated budget of administrative expenses with apportionments to the annual convention; to fill vacancies not otherwise provided for; and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by Synod to which it shall make full report for its acts.

3. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod and report thereon.

4. It shall hold regular meetings during the interim as Synod may determine. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod or, in case of his death or removal, by the Executive Secretary of the Synod. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2, Home Missions Committee

1. The Home Mission Committee of the Synod shall consist of the President of Synod, three ministers of the Synod and two laymen of the Synod. The pastor of a congregation indebted to or being aided by the Synodical Committee of Home Missions or the Board of American Missions shall not be a member of this committee, unless he be the President of Synod; neither shall a layman from such a congregation be a member of this committee. Clerical members of this committee shall be elected by the Synod for a period of three years and the terms of their service shall be so arranged that one retires each year.

Laymen of this committee shall be elected by the Synod for a term of two years, and the terms of their service shall be so arranged that one retires each year.

2. The Committee shall elect from its membership the officers necessary in the performance of its duties; and shall hold regular meetings as may be necessary, but at least quarterly; receive reports of all Home Mission Congregations and consider all applications for their aid, and the needs of all missions and new fields on the Synodical territory, and report annually to the Synod.

3. It shall supervise and have charge of the missions on the territory of the Synod in harmony with the rules of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. It shall confer with the Secretary of said Board and with him make a budget for the necessary funds to be expended on the Synodical territory for the year which budget shall be submitted for approval to said General Board. The budget decided upon by the Secretary and this committee shall represent a maximum amount for the year.

4. It may recommend a minister for the office of Missionary Superintendent to be elected by the Synod, or during the interim of the

meetings of Synod he may be appointed by the Executive Committee, or, if Synod decide, unite with a neighboring Synod or Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America in the election of a District Missionary Superintendent, and shall arrange for an apportionment to cover the salary and expenses of such Synodical District Superintendent.

Section 3, Inner Mission Committee

1. There shall be a Committee on Inner Missions to consist of the President of Synod, and three ministers and two laymen elected by the Synod.

2. This committee may elect a president and secretary and shall meet at least as often as quarterly.

3. It shall be charged with the duty of making an annual survey of the Lutheran Inner Mission interests on the territory of the Synod.

4. It shall cultivate the ideals of the Inner Mission in the hearts of the congregations of the Synod and keep the Synod fully informed on the progress of the cause in regular annual reports.

Section 4, Ministerial Education Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of two ministers and one layman to be appointed by the President.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means to encourage young men to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to distribute such funds as the Synod may appropriate or as may be appropriated by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for the assistance of students for the ministry, and supervise their work under such rules as the Synod shall approve, and to present to the Synod all such information and recommendations regarding the work of Ministerial Education as may require consideration or action.

3. It shall also be the duty of this committee to encourage and aid men and women to prepare for missionary and life-service work with such appropriations as the Synod may authorize.

Section 5, Examining Committee

1. This committee shall consist of not less than six ordained ministers of Synod who shall be appointed by the President of Synod for a term of three years in such manner that the term of at least two members shall expire each year.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into Synod as provided in Article Six, Section I.

3. This committee shall report to the Synod recommending such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article Six, Section I, but a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee present shall be necessary for recommendation.

ARTICLE SIX

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Section I, Ministers

1. All applications for ordination shall be made to the President

and referred by him to the Examining Committee which shall report on the same to the Synod and upon the recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Synod may become members of this Synod.

2. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall subscribe to this Constitution prior to admission into membership.

A. Application for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the Ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applicants for ordination shall present to the Examining Committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character from his home pastor, and the seminary faculty and also of the course pursued in theological study.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Committee that he has received a regular call from a congregation, a Synod or a Church Board, to a specific field of ministerial labor, and that he has accepted such call upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call may present himself for examination, and if approved by the Examining Committee, he may be favorably recommended to the Synod for ordination, which shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the President that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of the provisions of this Constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

B. Of Ordained Ministers

1. Any regularly ordained minister of a constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, who shall furnish evidence of his ordination and Christian character, together with a letter of honorable dismissal issued by the President of the Synod from which he comes, shall be enrolled as a member of the Synod.

2. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church belonging to a Synod not constituent of the United Lutheran Church in America, who may apply for admission into the Synod shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character together with a letter of honorable dismissal, or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his acceptance of the standard prescribed in Article One, Section II, and of his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America; and, on a favorable report of the Examining Committee to the Synod, he shall upon a two-thirds vote of the Synod be received as a member.

3. A minister coming from an ecclesiastical body other than Lutheran shall, with his application for membership, present satisfactory evidence of his ordination and Christian character, as well as his good standing in the body with which he was formerly connected. His application and testimonials shall be referred to the Examining Committee, who, in colloquium with the applicant, shall ascertain his knowledge and acceptance of the Lutheran doctrine and practice, especially the doctrinal basis and usages of this Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America. If such examination warrant, the Examining Committee shall, in each instance recommend to the Synod the action to be taken; and if, on favorable report of the Committee, a two-thirds vote of the Synod shall approve, he shall be received as a member of this Synod.

Section 2, Reception of Congregation

1. A congregation desiring admission into the Synod shall place into the hands of the President a formal application signed by the Secretary of the Church Council and by the pastor, and shall send a representative to the meeting of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its constitution, and of its charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the requirements of the Constitution of the Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of the Synod at any regular meeting. Contemplated changes of its Constitution affecting its articles of faith, adherence to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America, and disposition of its property, shall be reported to the President for his approval.

ARTICLE SEVEN

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

Section 1, Ministers

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have become such by ordination, or by reception from another Synod in accordance with Article Seven of this Constitution. Their membership shall cease only by death, by regular transfer and reception into another Synod, by process under Article Nine, or on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations the Synod may include and continue upon its ministerial roll those who, though without active pastoral service, hold educational, executive, missionary or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod, or by the United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted Boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching and teaching to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of the United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by the United Lutheran Church in America; he shall care for the people of his pastorate as individuals and as congregations in common faith and

harmonious interests with all other members and congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America; give catechetical instruction regularly; confirm; perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the laws of God and the State; visit and minister to the sick and infirm; bury the dead; install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, with the Council, administer discipline; supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation, and promote the up-building of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland and abroad. He shall seek out and encourage young men and women having proper natural gifts and qualifications to prepare for full-time Christian service; co-operate with the agencies and officers of Conference and Synod in every way to educate the people, to increase their liberality for the cause of benevolence recommended by the Synod or supported by the United Lutheran Church in America; and shall use his best endeavor to stimulate piety in the individual and family life of the people, as well as a knowledge of the Church and her work by the circulation of the literature of the Church.

5. The pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members dismissed, deceased or excommunicated, together with a roster of all communicant members of his pastorate, keeping the record of each congregation of his pastorate in a separate book which shall be the property of the congregation; and shall annually report an accurate abstract of these statistics to the Synod or to an official appointed by the Synod for that purpose, for publication in a Synodical table of Parochial Reports.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate of a brother minister, except upon his request, or with his consent; nor shall he visit and preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant pastorate except from formal invitation of the Church Council, or the consent or appointment of the President of the Synod.

7. A clergyman on the roll of Synod not engaged in regular ministerial work for a period of two or more years as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall be requested to deposit his ordination papers with the President of Synod until such time as he shall desire to resume the active office of the ministry, thus conforming to the action of the United Lutheran Church in America.

8. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this Synod he shall, upon application to the President, be entitled to, and the President shall furnish him with, a certificate of honorable dismissal; but until formally received into membership of the Synod to which he has been dismissed he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

9. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his pastorate remove into bounds of another, to urge such members to connect themselves with the congregation into whose territory they have moved; to notify immediately the pastor of said pastorate of such removal; and, upon application, to furnish certificate of transfer to such as are entitled to the same.

10. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod and Conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence the absentee shall send to the Secretary an excuse of his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except the most urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

Section 2, Licentiates

1. In case of a lack of ordained ministers available to serve all the pastorates of the Synod, or for special pastoral service as need may arise, theological students, of general qualifications fitted for the ministry and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church may be licensed by the Synod to preach and perform ministerial acts in charge of pastorates to which they may have been regularly called, or appointed by the President of the Synod as supply pastors for a period of time, on condition, however, that such licentiate agree to return to a Theological Seminary after a period of licensed service and complete their studies for graduation in the usual course as applicants for ordination.

2. Before accepting a call a licentiate shall obtain the consent of the President of the Synod.

3. All applications for licensure shall be made to the President of Synod and by him referred to the Examining Committee.

4. Applicants for licensure shall appear before the Examining Committee who, upon satisfactory evidence of fitness and literary qualifications, may recommend such applicants to the Synod for licensure.

5. A licentiate shall have authority to perform all ministerial acts and represent his pastorate as a clerical delegate to the Synod or Conference during the time specified in his license.

6. After a licentiate has taken charge of a pastorate he shall not leave the same during the time of his license without the consent or call of the President of the Synod.

7. All licenses issued by order of the Synod shall expire at the close of the next annual meeting of the Synod, but may, at the recommendation of the Examining Committee, be renewed for one succeeding year.

8. Every licentiate shall keep an accurate journal of his ministerial acts, which, with at least four sermons prepared and preached by him, and his certificate of licensure, he shall deliver to the President of the Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod, for the inspection of the Examining Committee.

9. Should the attention of the President of Synod be directed by common rumor or complaint to alleged offenses or incapacity of any licentiate of Synod, he shall investigate the matter; and, should he deem such action necessary, he shall immediately recall and annul the license of such licentiate.

ARTICLE EIGHT

THE CONGREGATION

1. It shall be the duty of the Church Council or Councils of every pastorate belonging to the Synod to appoint annually from its communicant members in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent the pastorate at all meetings of Synod and of Conference and submit his report to the pastorate; and the congregation or pastorate shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's expenses incurred by their full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod, as it has a share in all its acts and supervisions, shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, decisions and recommendations of the Synod and local Conference, and conform its public worship and ministrations to the order used by the United Lutheran Church in America and approved by the Synod. It shall observe and make systematic effort to meet at least the apportionment for all objects to the Treasurer of Synod, and afford to all its members a regular channel of contributions for the benevolent operations of the church, the minimum amount being indicated by a budget of apportionment by Synod to the congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the Synodical Treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due and liberal provisions for the ministration of the Word and the Sacraments, endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's Day and see that the pastor is properly supported; and make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families and for the Christian training of the young.

3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in a congregation the Church Council shall seek the advice and instruction of the President of Synod.

4. In case of strife or division, should any part of a congregation or pastorate belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against the Constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of the Synod, that part of the congregation or pastorate, whether majority or minority of its membership, which continues in unity with the Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation or pastorate.

5. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this Constitution, or with the accepted regulations of the United Lutheran Church in America.

6. Should a pastor resign, the Church Council shall receive the letter of resignation and at once report the fact to the President of Synod.

ARTICLE NINE

DISCIPLINE

Section 1, Offenses

The offenses for which members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

1. Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II.
2. Conduct incompatible with moral purity, or with the character of the ministerial office.
3. Wilful disregard or violation of the Constitution, authority and resolutions of the Synod.

Section 2, Penalties

- I. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:
 1. Private censure and admonition by the President.
 2. Public censure and admonition in any session of the Synod or Conference.
 3. Suspension from the functions and office of the ministry for a designated period, or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.
 4. Exclusion from membership in the Synod.
 5. Deposition from the ministerial office.

II. Should any congregation or pastorate belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the President of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian Church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through applied benevolences, it shall be excluded from membership in the Synod.

Section 3, Process Against a Minister

A. The Bringing of Charges

1. By a Congregation. If a serious accusation be lodged in writing against a minister before a Church Council by at least six voting members of a congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Congregation, the Church Council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

If in the judgment of the Church Council a Prima Facie case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its findings in writing to the President of the Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded on the prescribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the Church Council shall ignore the accusation, the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the President of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if it fails or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the President of the Synod.

2. By members of the Synod. Three members of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister, but such charges must be specific, in writing and signed by them.

3. By the President of The Synod. Should the attention of the President of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its members, he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal.

Should he fail in his efforts, or should he deem such action necessary, he shall appoint a committee of investigation as hereinafter provided.

B. The Preliminary Investigation In Cases That May Require a Formal Trial

1. If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the President by a congregation, or by three members of the Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter, and, if the accused shall desire an investigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the President shall order such investigation by the Conference, or he may appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before said committee to answer to the charge.

2. When such investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the President, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

3. If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality, the same shall at once be reported to the President of the Synod, who shall immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

4. If the findings of the investigations show sufficient evidence of guilt, besides reporting the case to the President, the Conference or committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused and the President of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at the said meeting, when his case shall be heard and decided.

C. Trial

1. When charges have been brought against a minister of the Synod and the preliminary investigation has shown that a formal trial is necessary, the President shall report the matter to the next annual meeting of the Synod, or to a special meeting called for the purpose and the case shall be referred to a Committee on Discipline consisting of not less than seven members. The charges and specifications against the accused shall be presented in his presence, if he desire it. The accused shall have the right and opportunity to be fully heard and to call witnesses in his own defense, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod. The Committee on Discipline shall hear all relevant testimony and shall present its findings to Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall recommend the penalty to be inflicted. Only those

shall vote who have not brought the charges in the case. The findings of the Committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the Committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in exclusive session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the Committee on Discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties may be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

2. When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines which are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this Constitution, the Committee on Discipline shall consist entirely of ministers and shall report its findings to the Synod. But the accused may appeal to the said Synod against the findings of the Committee, in which case the Synod shall proceed to try the charges. In acting on the report of the Committee on Discipline or in its trial of charges, the Synod shall take a vote on two counts: First: is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, is the accused guilty of teaching or preaching such doctrine? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only on a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The Committee shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than a suspension from the ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recantation of the errors which he has been suspended.

3. When the Synod has made full decision in the case of the trial of the minister, the President of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body; also, if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty, and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

4. If in any case new evidence shall be presented to the President which shall be sufficient in his judgment to warrant a new trial, he shall present the evidence to the Synod, and the latter shall decide whether the case shall be reopened. When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special meeting of the Synod to consider the matter.

5. The proceedings, in case of discipline, shall not be published in part or in whole before the final decision is reached and the result officially declared.

D. Appeal From Congregational Discipline

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's Constitution, but the pastor or member of any congregation belonging to Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals whether on the part of the pastor or a member of the congregation must be made in writing to the President of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of said appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been

received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal the President of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to the Conference with which the congregation is connected, or to a special Committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or finding of the Conference shall be reported to the President of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod, at its subsequent meeting, shall determine otherwise.

E. Members Under Discipline

1. No minister or layman while under discipline or sentence of suspension shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, or delegation or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

2. It shall also be the duty of all pastors and congregations belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to discipline.

ARTICLE TEN

Incorporation and Seal

1. The Synod shall be incorporated.

2. The Seal of Synod presents an open Bible above which is the figure of the descending dove, emblem of peace and hope of eternal life, within a circle which bears in raised letters the name "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States."

3. The Seal of Synod shall be in charge of the President of the Synod who shall affix it or cause it to be affixed to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, licenses, etc., requiring the seal of Synod.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Constitution and By-Laws, Amendment

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, in so far as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like meaning and effect in the government of the Synod and the Conferences.

2. Section 2 of Article One (subject, the Doctrinal Basis) of this Constitution shall not be altered or amended by this Synod.

3. Other articles of the Constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular annual meeting provided that such proposed amendment be moved and presented in writing by not less than five clerical members at a previous regular annual meeting.

4. This Synod may adopt By-Laws for the transaction of its business provided they do not conflict with this constitution. These By-

Laws may be suspended or amended at any convention of the Synod by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

5. Everything in any By-Law, resolution, or enactment of Synod differing from or in conflict with this constitution is hereby superceded and repealed.

BY-LAWS

I. General

1. Every pastor shall prepare an annual parochial report according to blanks furnished by the Synod, and all pastors and congregations shall send their parochial reports to the Statistical Secretary on or before the first day of February.

2. The Synodical year shall close with the calendar year.

3. Ministers having removed from the bounds of the Synod are urged to unite with the Synod within whose bounds they reside.

4. No letters of transfer to other denominations shall be granted to ministers of this Synod. But if one who has received aid in preparation for the ministry from any Synod of the United Lutheran Church should desire to depart from the Lutheran ministry, in case he has served less than ten years in our ministry, no certificate of character shall be granted until he has fulfilled his obligations to the Synod which aided him.

5. It shall be the duty of every congregation in the Synod to raise the full amount of their apportionment for benevolence whether they have a pastor or not.

6. A vacant pastorate shall settle its financial obligations to the retiring pastor before electing another, or engaging a stated supply, except if in the judgment of the President it shall be deemed otherwise.

7. In all pastorates composed of two or more congregations their relationships shall not be dissolved without the consent of the Synod. In no case shall a pastor be called by any part of a pastorate, or resign any part of a pastorate, but in all cases the call and resignation shall be a transaction of business conducted by the Joint Council of the Pastorate.

8. The territory of this Synod shall be divided into three conference districts to be known as the Eastern, the Southern, and the Western. It is recommended that at least one meeting of each conference be held in the fall of each year.

9. Every pastor upon accepting a call to a pastorate within this Synod shall be installed on the first Sunday of such relationship or as soon thereafter as possible.

10. All papers of special importance to be presented to the Synod by the President, or otherwise, must be in his hands on or before the opening of the Synod to be properly arranged and numbered by the Secretary ready to be referred to the proper committee by the President.

11. When requests for appropriations are made from the floor of the convention, they shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

II. Executive Committee

1. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Synod shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet three times a year, including a meeting at Synod, and special meetings may be called by the President as necessity may require.

3. The Lutheran Camp shall be operated under the direction and control of the Executive committee.

4. The Executive Committee at the first meeting after the Synodical convention shall secure bids and select the printer for the Kansas Synod Lutheran.

5. The Executive Committee shall receive and let bids for the printing of the minutes of Synod.

6. The Executive Committee shall examine the roll of Synod each year at a meeting preceding the convention of Synod and shall submit definite instructions to that body as to any names that should be excluded.

III. The President

1. The President is instructed to see that the expenses of retired ministers to Synod, financially unable to attend the meeting of Synod, be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

2. The President and Secretary of Synod, or duly appointed representatives, are authorized to attend obsequies of members of Synod within the territory of Synod, and their expenses shall be paid out of the treasury of Synod unless otherwise provided for.

3. The President of Synod shall be ex-officio a member of and the chairman of the delegation to the biennial conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

4. The President shall appoint a committee to audit the books of the treasurer at a reasonable time before the meeting of Synod; who shall have their report ready immediately following his report.

5. The President shall be authorized to call together any or all committees or Synodical Trustees of the Synod as soon after the convention as deemed advisable for the purpose of formulating programs for those committees to carry out during the year to follow.

IV The Secretary

1. The secretary shall receive \$25.00 annually for his services.

2. The Secretary of Synod shall secure from the Publication House and keep on hand a supply of blank letters of transfer of Church members, and shall supply every pastor with them when requested. He shall also keep on hand a supply of "Pastor's Call", both to be paid for, by the Synod.

3. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod shall be sent

to every new member of Synod by the Secretary, so that he may acquaint himself with the rules and regulations of this Synod. A copy shall be sent to the Secretaries of all church councils in the Synod, to be kept on file with other documents of their office.

4. In order to prevent any mistakes in the records of the printed minutes of Synod, the Secretary shall put in carefully written form the minutes of each session before their reading at the opening of any subsequent session of the convention; the minutes of the last session to be read before adjournment, and the said approved minutes shall be the official guide of the Protocol Committee.

5. The reports of all officers, boards, committees, together with all resolutions and motions, shall be presented to the convention in carefully written or printed form.

6. The retiring Secretary shall compile and have charge of the printing and distribution of the minutes.

V. The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer of Synod and the Committee on Ministerial Education are hereby authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the students dependent on the Synod for their support the sums promised them at such times during the Synodical year as the exigencies of the case may require.

2. The bonded Treasurer of the Synod shall be the ex-officio Treasurer of the home missions committee.

3. The Treasurer shall receive \$25.00 annually for his services.

VI. Statistician

1. The statistical secretary shall receive \$25.00 annually for his services.

2. The Synod shall instruct its officers to notify all pastors and congregations that they are required by synodical membership to make full and correct statistical reports annually, according to standard blanks furnished by the Church, and that the statistical secretary of the synod is required to make a summary report from those parochial reports, to the United Lutheran Church in America, not later than March 1st each year. These parochial reports should be in the hands of the statistical secretary of the Synod not later than Feb. 1, of each year, and failure to comply with this requirement is subject to censure.

VII. Committees and Boards

1. A standing committee on Necrology shall be appointed to prepare suitable memorials for deceased members and arrange for appropriate memorial services to be held during the convention of Synod.

2. The Examining Committee shall meet on the day before the first business session of the Synod, and all applicants for licensure or ordination are required to meet the Committee for examination at such time as they may be notified by the convener of the committee.

3. The amount paid any student by this Synod annually shall not exceed \$250.00. The Ministerial Education committee shall be allowed to aid any student they see fit, aside from those designated by the

Synod, provided the funds be in their hands to do so.

4. At all Synodical committee meetings each member shall present his expense account to the Secretary and the same shall be recorded on the Secretary's minutes of that committee meeting.

5. Members of elective committees of Synod shall be eligible for one re-election only.

6. Travel expenses required by pastors or laymen in connection with Synodical work shall be at the rate of three cents per mile where private automobile is used. Actual railroad fare shall be allowed those travelling by rail. Necessary expenses for hotel and meals shall also be allowed.

7. The Synod shall propose six members, three ministers and three laymen, as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Midland College whose traveling expenses in attendance upon the meetings of the Board shall be paid by the Synod. The Trustees shall elect their chairman. This committee shall give to the Executive Committee of Synod a report of each meeting and make an annual report of the proceedings of the board to the Synod.

8. The Synod shall select two members, one minister and one layman, as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Tabitha Home, whose travelling expenses in attendance to regular Board meetings shall be paid by the Synod. The trustees shall select their chairman. This committee shall give to the Executive Committee of Synod a report of each Board meeting and make an annual report of the Board to Synod.

9. A committee on Claims shall be appointed each year by the President. All bills against the Synod not previously allowed shall be presented to this committee which shall report the same to Synod. The treasurer is authorized to pay all such bills as are allowed by the Synod.

10. A committee on Synodical Constitution shall become a standing committee of the Synod, instructed to note what changes may occur in the Constitution by actions of Synod and have same ready for printing and inclusion each fifth year in the Minutes of Synod.

VIII. Convention

1. This Synod shall meet annually on or about the second Tuesday after Easter.

2. The morning devotional services of the Synod shall be in charge of one person appointed in advance.

3. The Synodical Communion service shall be held on the first day of the meeting of Synod immediately after the annual sermon by the President.

4. Delegates to the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church shall receive \$3.50 per diem toward their expenses.

IX. Official Paper

1. The Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran shall be elected by Synod and is empowered to select his associates. The Editor shall receive \$25 annually for his services.

MINUTES

**of the Annual Convention of the Brotherhood
of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States**

**April 14, 1942
Hutchinson, Kansas**

Meeting in conjunction with the annual convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the annual convention of the Synodical Brotherhood was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, on Tuesday, April 14, 1942, with President Evan W. Tonsing, Atchison, Kansas, presiding.

The afternoon session included business procedures at which reports of the officers were presented, discussions of Brotherhood problems led by the Rev. A. D. Havekost, the Rev. Ernest Tonsing, the Rev. G. K. Mykland, and Dr. J. A. McCulloch, and an address on "The Man of the Church and the War Emergency," by Max Wyman of Hutchinson, former commander of the Kansas Department of American Legion.

The convention nominating committee, including Wayne Easterday, Louis T Bang and the Rev. W. Wilbur Klover, nominated the following as candidates for office in the Synodical Brotherhood: President, Dr. Frank Shaffer, Salina, Kansas; vice president, Evan W. Tonsing, Atchison, Kan.; secretary, Professor S. J. Turillee, Emporia, Kan.; treasurer, Clyde Tresser, Topeka, Kan., and member of the Executive Committee from the Southern Conference, the Rev. Klass deFreese, D.D., Peabody, Kansas. All were elected unanimously by acclamation for the year which opens with the convention.

Recommendations presented by President Tonsing in his report were adopted, on motion, and included the following:

That the synodical Brotherhood dues be continued at 10 cents per member for the calendar year 1943.

That special emphasis be laid this year on the formation of active Brotherhoods within congregations not now so organized.

That the synodical Brotherhood secretary be instructed to carry through an active campaign, with U. L. C. A. brotherhood co-operation, to increase the distribution of Lutheran Men.

That each Brotherhood be urged to maintain contact with young men from local congregations enlisted in the Nation's service.

That the president be authorized to establish a monthly Bulletin for distribution among Brotherhood officers and pastors within the Synod.

That the continuance of the joint dues plan for 1943 be referred to the synodical Brotherhood executive committee without recommendation.

Greetings were presented from the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church with the request that delegates be sent to the national Brotherhood Convention at Louisville, Ky., next October.

Reports of the secretary, A. M. Hughes, Lawrence, Kansas, and the treasurer Clyde Tresner, Topeka, were presented and adopted by motion.

In the absence of Mr. Hughes, Dr. Frank Shaffer acted as secretary of the business session.

The annual synodical Brotherhood banquet constituted the final session of the convention, with Dr. Fred C. Wiegman, president of Midland College acting as toastmaster. Newly elected officers were installed by Louis T. Bang, Emporia, treasurer of Synod, and the principal address was delivered by Dr. Armin George Weng, Chicago, acting president of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary and president of the Illinois Synod.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, St. Joseph, Mo., conducted the singing at both sessions.

While attendance at the convention was the smallest in recent years, because of tire and transportation conditions, the programs were most interesting and helpful.

The next convention will be held in Topeka, Kansas, in April, 1943, in conjunction with the seventy-fifth convention of Synod.

Frank Shaffer,
Acting Secretary.

DIRECTORY

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For 1942-1943

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover, 801 N. 17th, Kansas City, Kan.
 First Vice President—Mrs. R. E. Gaston, Bendena, Kan.
 Second Vice President—Mrs. Ralph Vague, Wilson, Kan.
 Third Vice President—Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, 206 W. 7th,
 Emporia, Kan.
 Recording Secretary—Miss Helen Fink, 433 S. 6th, Atchison, Kan.
 Statistical Secretary—Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr., Lancaster, Kan.
 Treasurer—Miss Harriet Kjerulff, 814 E. 33rd, Kansas City, Mo.
 Member of General Board—Mrs. J. P. Jensen, 600 Louisiana, Lawrence, Kan.

Elected Department Secretaries

Industrial—Mrs. A. J. Beil, 13th & New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kan.
 Historian and Education—Mrs. E. P. Boersch, 132 Chelsea, Kansas City, Mo.
 Promotional—Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Chapman, Kan.

Appointed Secretaries

Box Work—Mrs. Geo. R. Whittecar, 324 S. Gillette, Tulsa, Okla.
 Deaconess—Mrs. John Zimmerman, Valley Falls, Kan.
 Extension—Mrs. M. D. Hoover, 2917 Maple, Wichita, Kan.
 Life Membership and In Memoriam—Miss Stella Ehret, Route No. 2, Box 253, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Magazine—Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, Washington, Kan.
 Mission Study and Lenten Week of Prayer—Mrs. J. O. Heeffner, 5424 Harrison, Kansas City, Mo.
 Patron and Protege—Mrs. C. L. Talbot, 4111 King Hill, St. Joseph, Mo.
 Student—Mrs. Alvin Havekost, 1207 Fort, Hays, Kan.
 Thank Offering—Mrs. Wayne Easterday, 624 Grandview, Topeka, Kan.
 Parliamentarian—Miss Josephine Drowatzky, 2321 N. Arkansas, Wichita, Kan.
 Courtesy Chairman—Mrs. Walter Selle, 3935 Chestnut, Kansas City, Mo.
 Editor of K. S. L.—Mrs. Paul Tonsing, 315 N. Terrace, Atchison, Kan.
 Program Committee—Mrs. W. W. Wessen, 1210 Garfield, Topeka; Mrs. Burl Pepper, 916 N.W. 2nd., Abilene; Mrs. Geo. R. Whittecar, 324 S. Gillette, Tulsa, Okla.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, D. D., Pastor
Abilene, Kansas

April 28-30, 1942

Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 A. M.

The Service of Holy Communion, with sermon by the Rev. W. Wilbur Klover, President of Synod, and the Rev. George Whittecar, Secretary of Synod, Liturgist, preceded the formal opening of the Convention by the President, Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover.

The following officers and delegates were enrolled:

President: Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover.

First Vice-President: Mrs. R. E. Gaston.

Second Vice-President: Mrs. Ralph Vague.

Third Vice-President: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.

Recording Secretary: Miss Helen Fink.

Statistical Secretary: Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr.

Treasurer: Mrs. F. W. Juergensen.

Historian & Educational Secretary: Mrs. G. K. Mykland.

Annuity Secretary: Mrs. R. F. Rifenbary.

Extension Secretary: Mrs. M. D. Hoover.

Magazine Secretary: Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Mission Study & Lenten Week of Prayer Secretary: Mrs. J. O. Heiffner.

Patron & Protege Secretary: Mrs. Ernest Wissing.

Student Secretary: Mrs. A. D. Havekost.

Courtesy Chairman: Mrs. Walter Selle.

Eastern Conference

Atchison: Mrs. S. A. Hamrick

Kansas City: "Trinity", Mrs. Vaughn Maneval, Mrs. H. A. Hansen,
Mrs. Henry Christiansen.

Kansas City, Mo.: "St. Mark's", Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, Mrs. C. L. Canfield, Miss Harriet Kjerulff, Miss Lillian Dentinger.

Lancaster: Mrs. Gus Hinz.

Lawrence: Mrs. C. J. Ericksen, Mrs. A. T. Olson.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Mrs. C. L. Talbot.

Topeka: Mrs. Wayne Easterday.

Valley Falls: Mrs. John Zimmerman.

Southern Conference

Hutchinson: Mrs. O. P. Lipe, Mrs. E. R. Harrison.

Peabody: Mrs. Elizabeth Frobenius.

Tulsa, Okla.: Mrs. T. J. Lilleskau, Mrs. S. M. Peters.

Wichita: Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Mrs. O. E. Johnson.

Western Conference

Abilene: Mrs. Wm. Klover, Mrs. E. H. Forney.

Beloit: Mrs. J. A. Quinn

Chapman: Mrs. Austin Sanborn.

Salina: Mrs. J. Albert Schultz, Mrs. H. M. Atherton.

Wakeeney: Mrs. T. A. Phares

Washington: Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.

Waterville: "St. Mark's", Mrs. Emma Runkle.

Waterville: "Hebron", Mrs. George Search.

Wilson: Mrs. Max Gilmer.

Greetings to the Convention were brought by Mrs. H. L. Humphrey, Abilene, and the response was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Frobenius, Peabody.

The Presentation of the Program was made by Mrs. Walter Selle. A motion to accept the program, with necessary changes, was carried.

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting were read as follows: The Executive Board met at Trinity Church, Abilene, Kansas, April 27, 1942 at 4:15, adjourned for supper, met again at 7:15 preceding the reception for delegates and visitors, and continued the session after the reception, until adjournment at 10:00 P.M.

Recommendation was made to receive offerings during devotional period of each session of the Convention.

Recommendation was made that offerings be placed in Synodical Treasury.

Recommendation was made to close doors during Devotional Services.

Recommendation was made to change By-Laws, Article 2, Section 4, to read as follows: To defray Synodical and Triennial expenses each member of each Congregational Society shall pay quarterly ten cents.

Recommendation was made to endorse the following: We the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States do memorialize the United Lutheran Church in America through its Board of Education to call the attention

of all our Educational Institutions to the need of a course in Christian Marriage, to be included in the curriculum of our Institution. (This resolution was approved by the Synod, April 14, 1942.)

Recommendation was made that the Synodical Women's Missionary Society offer a \$50 Scholarship for a girl student at Midland College whose purpose is full time Christian Service. The fund for the Scholarship shall be collected by free will offerings in the local society during the month of June and shall be administered by a committee to be appointed by the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Helen Fink,

Recording Secretary.

A motion to accept recommendations seriatim carried.

The seven recommendations in the report were accepted.

Announcement was made of the following convention committees:

Reporter, Kansas Synod Lutheran—Miss Helen Fink.

Reporter, Lutheran Women's Work—Mrs. J. Albert Schultz.

Reporter, The Lutheran—Mrs. Vaughn Maneval.

Reporter, Local Paper—Mrs. Sam Robinson.

Officer's Reports—Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mrs. T. J. Lilleskau, Mrs. O. E. Johnson, Mrs. Stella Loy

Education and Departmental Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. S. A. Hamrick, Mrs. A. T. Olson, Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, Mrs. George Search.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ralph Vague, Mrs. Henry Christiansen.

Committee on Secretary's Minutes—Mrs. C. L. Talbot, Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Committee on Claims—Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, Mrs. D. M. Nicolay.

Letters and Communications—Mrs. C. L. Canfield, Mrs. Gus Hinz, Mrs. T. A. Phares.

Auditing—Miss Harriet Kjerulff, Mrs. James O. Heiffner.

Tellers—Mrs. George Search, Mrs. S. M. Peters, Mrs. H. A. Hansen, Mrs. Wayne Easterday.

Report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. George Search and this report was accepted.

Courtesy Chairman Mrs. Walter Selle introduced visitors. Motion was made to make Rev. Klover and Rev. Whittecar advisory members of this convention. Motion carried.

The session was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Klover.

Tuesday, 1:30 P.M.

The Convention Theme "Be Still And Know That I Am God" was

the topic for this devotional period brought to us by Miss Lilit Schwab.

After roll call the minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

The Election of officers was the next matter of business. A motion to allow Life Members, present, voting privilege was carried. The results of the election:

President: Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover.

First Vice President: Mrs. R. E. Gaston.

Second Vice President: Mrs. Ralph Vague.

Third Vice President: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.

Recording Secretary: Miss Helen Fink.

Statistical Secretary: Mrs. Fred Kloppe, Jr.

Treasurer: Miss Harriet Kjerulff.

Industrial Secretary: Mrs. A. J. Beil.

Historian & Education Secretary: Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Promotional Secretary: Mrs. G. K. Mykland.

Mrs. Robert Gaston, First Vice President, presided as Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover gave the Report of the President.

Report of the President

This year we assemble in our 62nd Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, mindful of the many blessings of our Heavenly Father during the past year and of our own accomplishments and shortcomings. If there be any praise—any virtue for the work of the past year, let God be given the glory; and wherein we have failed, let us examine ourselves and make new resolves for the coming year.

The continued loss in membership is one of great concern. Although this loss has in no way affected the offerings for the year and may be just an indication of the dropping of inactive members, yet it will undoubtedly be felt in the coming year. The Society at Sedalia and the original one at Valley Falls have disbanded, while the two groups at Hays have merged into one. Few groups show an increase in membership for the year.

The India Centennial Fund was completed the first of the year with \$885.07, which is short of our goal but so near that we ought to thank and praise God.

The work of the various departments has been promoted by the secretaries and their reports show their devotion and zeal. Some have been handicapped because of the war, such as the Patron and Protege and Industrial departments. The vice-presidents have worked faithfully and promoted their conference programs successfully. Much credit should be given to all officers for their zeal and inspiration throughout the year.

Our special emphasis until the next triennial convention is to be placed upon deepening the spiritual faith of our members and maintaining our general budget. Every effort should be made to attain these aims.

During the past I have attempted to carry out the work of the President of this Society to the best of my ability, although I missed the mark many times.

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Conference of Synodical Presidents at Philadelphia in January as your representative. I attended the three Synodical conference meetings and spoke to eight groups including the Synod in convention at Hutchinson. At the request of the Council of Women for Home Missions I prepared and presented with the help of local women three radio programs. I participated in a city-wide World Day of Prayer, wrote several articles for the Kansas Synod Lutheran and 416 letters and cards.

Although the war weighs heavily upon our hearts, and many here represented have loved ones in the military service, and our future seems darker than at any time in our sixty-two years, let us keep in mind the words of St. Paul, "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

In order that we may keep our aims before us this coming year, I recommend:

1. That every society and every individual in the society BE STILL and acknowledge God as their Creator and Ruler.

2. That we strengthen the spiritual side of the meetings and direct our members toward greater devotion to the Master.

3. That we maintain our General Budget by increasing our gifts to the Thank Offering and Life Membership and In Memoriam departments.

4. That we continue to support fully our missionary, Miss Lilit Schwab.

5. That membership in the Missionary Society be laid on the heart of every woman in the local congregation during the coming year.

6. That we continue our publicity in the Kansas Synod Lutheran in the following manner:

January—Mission Study—Promotional Secretary.

February—Deaconess—Executive Board Member.

March—Industrial—Treasurer.

April—Convention Program.

May—Life Membership & In Memoriam—Box Work.

June—Extension—Promotional Secretary.

July—Patron and Protege.

September—Vice-presidents.

October—Thank Offering—Student.

November—Magazine Education Secretary.

December—Annuity—Statistician.

Now, as never before, may we let our light shine, that we may be a channel, not a barrier, to His Kingdom.

Grace be with you,

Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover.

A motion that the President's Report be referred to the proper committee was carried.

The report of the Treasurer, and Promotional Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, was followed by the report of the Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr.

A motion to refer these reports to the proper committee was carried.

The Education Division was presented by Mrs. J. O. Heiffner. This included the work of Magazine and Education Secretary also the Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran.

"The Church of India in Wartime" was the inspiring message brought to us by Miss Lilith Schwab.

The Convention adjourned to discussion groups on departmental work.

Tuesday 8:00 P.M.

The evening service was conducted by Dr. Fuller Bergstresser. Miss Virginia Aderholt, returned missionary from Japan, spoke. Miss Lilith Schwab was also in the program. The Life Membership and In Memoriam shower was given.

Wednesday 9:00 A.M.

The opening devotions were given by Dr. Fuller Bergstresser.

A book review, "Rim of the Caribbean", was given by Mrs. G. K. Mykland.

The various Boards of our United Lutheran Church in America, to which our Women's Missionary Society contributes, were brought to our attention in "The Women's Missionary Society Promotes the Whole Work of the Whole Church."

"Be Still And Know That I Am God" was the closing prayer thought by Mrs. Klover.

Wednesday 1:30 P.M.

The opening devotions by Miss Lilith Schwab.

The Department of Special Gifts was presented by Mrs. R. F. Rifenburg assisted by Mrs. Wayne Easterday and Mrs. T. J. Lilleskau.

The report of the Life Membership and In Memoriam, shower, showed 14 Life Members and 3 In Memoriam.

In the address, "Our Lanterns," Miss Aderholt told us of Japanese supported by love gifts.

In the panel discussion "Promoting Missions in our Church" conducted by Mrs. A. D. Havekost, we received much practical help. Mrs. Havekost was assisted by Miss Pauline Reid speaking for the Luther League, Rev. E. S. Spees for the Sunday School, Mrs. Robert Tonsing for The Children of the Church, Mr. George Felder for the Brotherhood, Rev. A. J. Beil for the program of the Lutheran Camp and Rev. Whitticar for the Church.

Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover gave a report of the Presidents' Conference held at Philadelphia.

The Promotional Division was presented in a true and false quiz program by Mrs. M. D. Hoover. This covered the work of Industrial, Deaconess, Student and Extension Secretary.

Closing prayer.

Wednesday 6:45 P.M.

The Convention Dinner was held at the Lamar Hotel. Featured on the program was the Midland Octette, Mrs. J. W. Asling, Abilene, speaker, and "India in Technicolor" a moving picture, with remarks by Miss Lilith Schwab.

Thursday 9:00 A.M.

Devotions were conducted by Dr. B. R. Lantz, Salina, Kansas.

A report on the work of The Children of the Church was given by Mrs. R. L. Tonsing. Rev. E. S. Spees assisted in the discussion.

Reports of Convention Committees were the next order of business.

Committee on Officers' Reports

After due consideration, the committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations included in the President's Report. (See recommendations in the President's Report).

The very efficient work done and the time given by our President to her duties is deeply appreciated. We commend all other officers for their fine reports and accurate records. We recommend that the reports of the officers be accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Zimmerman
Mrs. T. J. Lilleeskau
Mrs. O. E. Johnson
Mrs. Stella Loy

A motion to vote on the recommendations in the President's Report seriatim, carried. All recommendations were adopted.

Committee on Education and Department Secretaries' Reports

Your committee wishes to call attention to the fine reports of the Education and Department Secretaries as shown in the pages of your programs, and to the evidences therein of much faithful service on the part of the secretaries and the signs of growth and advancement in these different fields of endeavor.

May we urge all members to carefully study these reports and use them from time to time in connection with local work for instruction and inspiration.

We extend to these secretaries our thanks for their service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George L. Search
Mrs. S. A. Hamrick
Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman
Mrs. A. T. Olson

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

At the conclusion of this, the Sixty-second Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, we are thankful for this communion of Christian workers and the guidance of our Heavenly Father; therefore, we the committee on resolutions, present the following:

1. That we express our sincerest appreciation to Dr. Fuller Bergstresser and Mrs. Bergstresser, and the members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church for their cordial hospitality and their consideration for our comfort during the days of this convention.
2. That we express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Klover for the inspirational and helpful program she has conducted in the sessions of this Convention, and her devotion to the work of building His Kingdom during her term as President. We also commend the officers and department secretaries for their cooperation and zeal throughout the year.
3. That we express our sincere appreciation to Miss Lilith Schwab and Miss Virginia Aderholt for their reports on India and Japan.
4. That we express our gratitude to the following for their assistance in our program: Rev. E. S. Spees, Rev. W. W. Klover, Rev. George Whittecar, Rev. A. J. Bell, Rev. E. R. Harrison, Mr. George Felder, Sister Lillie Kyzer, Miss Pauline Reid, the Midland Octette, Mrs J. W. Asling and the local Trinity Church choir and organist.
5. We further resolve unceasingly to pray for a just and durable peace; to pray for those in the National Service and to pray for their families, until God, our Heavenly Father, fulfills His plan through us and grants us again the blessings of peace.

6. Finally, that we resolve to carry the Convention theme "Be still and know that I am God" to our homes and in our hearts, that through us and our societies we may truly and faithfully bring others to our Savior and King.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph Vague
Mrs. H. Christiansen

Report of Committee on Secretary's Minutes

We, the committee on Secretary's Minutes have read them and find them correct. Therefore, they stand approved.

Mrs. E. P. Boersch
Mrs. C. L. Talbot

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report of Claims Committee

Mrs. W. W. Klover, President	\$ 22.62
Miss Helen Fink, Recording Secretary	4.35
Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr., Statistical Secretary	5.23
Mrs. F. M. Juergensen, Treas. & Promotional Sec.	15.89
Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Historian & Education Secretary	1.50
Mrs. A. J. Beil, Industrial Secretary	3.37
Mrs. R. F. Rifenbary, Annuity Secretary	1.50
Mrs. Ernest Wissing, Patron & Protege Secretary	1.50
Mrs. James O. Heiffner, Mission Study Secretary	3.06
Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Magazine Secretary	1.00
Mrs. Alvin Havenkost, Student Secretary	2.51
Mrs. Walter Selle, Convention Program Committee	.48
Mrs. C. L. Canfield, Committee on Letters & Communications	1.16
Miss Lillith Schwab, Travel to Convention	6.60
Miss Virginia Aderholt, Travel to Convention	6.25
Midland College, Partial Expense for Octette	10.00
Dr. Bergstresser, Lunch for Midland Octette	3.05
Tonsing Printing & Book Store, Credential Cards	1.77
Rev. E. S. Spees, Parish & Church School Board, expense	5.60
Mrs. Burl Pepper, Film, Postage, Gifts for Missionaries	5.26
Mr. Louis T. Bang, Toward Printing of Minutes	40.00

\$142.70

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
Mrs. E. H. Forney
Mrs. D. M. Nicolay

Report on Letters and Communications

The following cards have been mailed:

Mrs. W. C. Jacobson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. G. C. Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Lawrence, Kansas.

Mrs. George Eller, Beloit, Kansas.

Mrs. George Whittecar, Tulsa, Okla.

Miss Birdean Miles, Lawrence, Kansas.

Mrs. W. W. Wesson, Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. G. C. Schaub, Wakeeney, Kansas.

Mrs. W. B. Winzenreid, Atchison, Kansas.

Submitted by,

Mrs. C. L. Canfield

Mrs. Gus Hinz

Mrs. T. A. Phares

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report of the Auditing Committee

To the Women's Missionary Society of Kansas Synod and Adjacent States:

Having audited the books of Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, Treasurer, we do hereby certify that all records are most complete and correct. At the close of business April 30, 1942, there was a cash balance on hand of \$292.10. The June and September quarters were audited by Stella E. Ehret and Mrs. Geo. C. Smith upon the transferal of the book from Mrs. W. C. Jacobson to Mrs. F. W. Juergensen.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Harriet Kjeerulff

Mrs. James O. Heiffner

Motion that this report be accepted was carried.

The total offerings of the Convention were \$48.03.

Motion to have the President appoint someone to purchase a personal gift for Miss Lilith Schrab and Miss Virginia Aderholt, carried.

Motion to place the meeting of the Convention in 1943 in the hands of the Executive Committee, carried.

Motion to change BY-Laws Article 2. Section 4. to read: To defray Synodical and Triennial expenses each member of each Congregational Society shall pay quarterly ten cents, carried.

A standing vote of thanks was given Mrs. F. W. Juergensen for her faithful work in the Synodical Society. Mrs. Juergensen is planning to move from this Synod.

The installation of newly elected officers was conducted by Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, after which Mrs. Klover declared the Sixty-second annual Convention of the Women's Missionary of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Helen Fink,
Recording Secretary.

Thursday 11:30 A.M.

Executive Committee Meeting.

Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover called this meeting for the purpose of appointing a Scholarship Committee. The following were appointed:

Chairman: Mrs. G. K. Mykland

Mrs. John Zimmerman

Mrs. A. D. Havekost

Advisory members: Mrs. J. P. Jensen and Dr. Mary Markley.

All applications for this Scholarship should be addressed to Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Chapman, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Helen Fink

Report of the First Vice President

The Eastern Conference of the Women's Missionary Society and the Brotherhood met in Trinity Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kansas, Sunday afternoon and evening, September 21, 1941. Miss Harriet Kjerulff gave a very interesting address on Tabitha Home where she served nine years as office secretary. Inspirational thoughts were brought by the Secretaries present.

A pageant was presented by the Trinity Society, "A New Slant on Missions." "Some of the Problems We Face" was the theme of the very helpful address given by our president, Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover.

Recreation and fellowship was followed by the supper hour.

At the evening worship service the church was filled to hear the message of Rev. W. Wilbur Klover, president of Synod, "The Adornment of Strength."

A gift of \$5.00 was sent to Miss Myrtle Wilke and \$27.95 was given to the Lilith Schwab Fund. 91 women attended the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert E. Gaston.

Report of the Second Vice President

The Western Conference was held in Waterville, Sept. 23, 1941. The theme of the day, "Thy Kingdom Come—Thru Peace" was brought to us in song and devotionals "Peace with Man" and "Peace with God" and closing meditation "Peace Within".

The Synodical Secretaries of the Conference, Mrs. A. D. Havekost and Mrs. G. K. Mykland presented their departments. Mrs. Havekost also gave us an interesting preview of the 1941-1942 lessons. The sermon of the day by the Rev. George Eller, Beloit; the report of the Rev. Alvin Havekost, Hays, on the Children of the Church and Parish Education; the thoughts brought by the President of Synod, Rev. W. W. Klover, and our President, Mrs. W. W. Klover, were all highly instructive and greatly appreciated.

The highlight of the day was a sketch adapted by Mrs. Max Gilmer on the pamphlet by Miss Lilith Schwab, "Earthen Vessels," and presented by the Waterville societies. During this presentation, societies brought forth quotas for their India Centennial Fund in little clay vessels, made especially for each society by Rev. and Mrs. Gilmer, Bunkerhill-Wilson. Mrs. J. Albert Schultz, Salina, was elected vice-president and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, Washington, secretary-treasurer. The invitation extended by Abilene for the next Conference was accepted.

The Waterville Societies proved such fine hostesses and the covered dish dinner served in their new Heisey Hall was enjoyed by all. I wish to thank all who made this day a day of information—a day of devotion—a friendly day—that left such high aims and purposes in the minds and hearts of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph Vague.

Report of the Third Vice President

The Southern Conference met in Eureka, Sunday and Monday, November 2-3, 1941. Mrs. S. A. Lindberg opened the afternoon session Sunday with a devotional period following the theme, "But One Thing Is Needful" (Luke 10:42). An informal discussion was enjoyed on program planning and at 5 o'clock the women met with men delegates for the Children of the Church demonstration by the Eureka organization. The evening session, which was well-attended, was given over to Miss Lilith Schwab, who spoke on the topic "Seeds."

Monday morning the two groups, W.M.S. and Conference delegates, met for a joint worship period led by the pastor-host, Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer. In their business meeting following, Mrs. M. D. Hoover, Wichita, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Southern Conference. A number of communications were read from secretaries unable to be present. Reports were heard from the Thank Offering secretary, Mrs. G. C. Emmerick; the Extension secretary, Mrs. M. D. Hoover, and the Children of the Church secretary, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, all of Wichita. We were happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Klover with us. Mrs. Klover, Synodical President, gave a challenging talk on the work of the church and the India Centennial. Miss Schwab then presented her work in an informal discussion.

The Conference closed in a joint session, the speaker being Rev. W. W. Klover, President of Synod.

The offerings, amounting to \$21.89, were presented to Miss Schwab. The Conference appreciated the cordial hospitality extended by the Eureka church, and Pastor and Mrs. Pfeiffer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.

Report of the Annuity Secretary

No Annuity Bonds have been issued this year. One letter was sent to each Society during 1941.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. F. Rifenbary.

Report of the Box Work Secretary

An appealing phase of our missionary work is that of the Box Work department. Our gifts of love to our missionaries, in the form of our money and our boxes of supplies, assures them in a practical way that we are concerned about their happiness and comfort.

Mrs. Raymond D. Fenner, our General Box Work Secretary, says: "Box Work is the 'plus' of our missionary giving, the 'cup that runneth over' with good will. It is above and beyond our missionary budget." Since it offers us the privilege of both serving and sharing, Box Work thus is a form of life service.

Due to the war our foreign fields are suffering greatly, and we urge our societies to make an extra effort to include them along with their home mission work. On account of the uncertainty of shipping, money gifts are advised for foreign stations at the present time. Gifts to the "Undesignated Fund" are especially appreciated, since from it may be filled the needs of any home or foreign field as they arise.

New lists of "needs" have been received and are being sent to each local society with the request that they be kept on file for frequent reference. Please do not fail to report any boxes that have been sent from your group. Three more societies have sent boxes this year than last, with a total of 24 boxes to home missions and 10 to foreign mission stations.

We sincerely hope that each society of our synod will make an earnest effort this year to reach and surpass the goal of the Box Work department: "A box, package, or money gift each year from each society to some mission field."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George R. Whittecar.

Report of the Historian and Education Secretary

One copy of the Synodical Minutes for 1941 and one copy of each issue of the Kansas Synod Lutheran has been added to the files.

A photograph of one of our past presidents has been received and will be included in our Presidents' Album.

The sale of literature at the Synodical Convention in Lawrence and the Western Conference in Waterville amounted to \$48.50. This has far exceeded the sales for many years and speaks well for the interest of our women.

Your secretary was again privileged to make a number of addresses in the interest of missions. Two were for interdenominational groups, one at Hope, Kan., and one at Topeka. Another one was as the guest speaker for the Missionary Convention of the Mid-West Synod in Lanham, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. K. Mykland.

Report of the Industrial Secretary

Bead Work sold at 1941 Convention	\$21.30
India Lace sold at 1941 Convention	17.80
Lace Day Offerings	113.76

Your secretary has been notified that it was decided at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the U.L.C.A. that there will be no more consignments of lace sent out until further notice.

We are asked to concentrate on our India Lace presentation this year as never before, urging our friends and co-workers to pray during this state of emergency,—that our friends in India may not lose any of their faith which has been instilled into their hearts by our missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alfred J. Beil.

Report of Magazine Secretary

According to our Statistical Secretary's report for this year we have 550 subscriptions. This is just a little more than one-half of the total membership of our Kansas Synod, so somewhere, someone has fallen down on the job and I rather guess it has been the magazine secretary. However, the cards that were returned to me were rather encouraging for many reported new subscriptions.

In checking over last year's report, I find that the following societies have subscriptions equal to the active members reported: St. Paul's Mission Guild and Women's Society, Valley Falls; St. Mark's, Waterville; Trinity, Kansas City, Kan.; Young Women, Glasco; The Women's Societies at Lawrence and Hays, Kan.

There are so many essential things in the work of our missionary organization but somehow or other I feel that we just can't get along without our magazine. The more we read, the more we know and the more we know, the more interest we will have, so let's boost our magazine and have a subscription list next year equal to the total

enrolled members in our Kansas Synod. We need to keep the lights from our Magazine Lighthouse burning brightly o'er today's troubled seas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Report of the Life and In Memoriam Secretary

During the past year contributions to the General Fund through this department were: Life Memberships, \$210.00, and In Memoriam Memberships, \$110.00. This is a splendid record.

Now that the India Centennial goal has been reached and surpassed, it is most necessary to stress the Budget. In fact, just this, is one of the two special objectives for the remaining 15 months of this Triennium.

It is the wish of the General Secretary, Mrs. Walter Scheermesser, that before the next Triennial Convention **Each Organization** become an **Organization Life member**.

May we make this our goal for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Magna K. Jensen.

Report of Patron and Protege Secretary

Support of Native Workers.

Mission Daughters, Wichita,—Native Bible worker in India	\$50.00
W.M.S., Oklahoma City,—Native Bible Worker in India	50.00
Y. Matron's S. S. Class (thru W.M.S.) —St. Joseph, Mo.	
Teacher, Charlotte Swenson Memorial, India	50.00
A Friend, Rock Port, Mo.—Native Bible Women in India	50.00

Support of Scholarships.

W.M.S., Wichita,—Student, Emma V. Day School, Africa	40.00
Mission Daughters, Wichita,—Kindergarten Pupil in Japan	5.00
W. M. S., Hays,—Kindergarten Pupil in Japan	12.00
Luminaires, Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.	
Sick and Neglected Baby in Virgin Islands	40.00
W.M.S., Hays,—India (No further information)	5.00
W.M.S., Kansas City, Kansas—Kindergarten Pupil in Japan	5.00
W.M.S., Salina, Kansas—Kindergarten Pupil in Japan	5.00
W.M.S., Wakeeney, Kansas—Kindergarten Pupil in Japan	5.00

\$317.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ernest Wissing.

Report of Promotional Secretary

This secretary has been available for information of any kind needed by the local societies. Two different times direct contact was made with the local Presidents by letter, and while the work was planned to make further informative contacts this secretary has been unable to do so, but is very thankful that at least a little has been accomplished.

A forward step in our Synodical work would be actually to endeavor to pay \$1.50 per member per year for our support of Miss Lilith Schwab, our Missionary. Each local Society should also feel a very definite responsibility to pay 10c per month per active member, and \$1.00 per year for each associate or honorary member. Both of these based on the annual report made to the Statistician. Also the 20c per year for the Synodical Fund, and 10c per year for Triennial Fund should be paid each year on the active membership reported to the Statistician.

In 1941 our goal for Lilith Schwab was met, not by actual local gifts, but because four local societies desired to make additional gifts to this fund which took care of the lack of response from some local societies. The conference offerings also helped a great deal to accomplish the goal.

Encouragement is surely due all our younger groups who have so well adapted themselves to the change and taken their share of full responsibility of all our work.

It has been this secretary's privilege, upon appointment, to serve out the last two quarters of Mrs. Jacobson's position as Synodical Treasurer.

May we pray God our Heavenly Father to inspire us all in our 51 local societies to endeavor at all times to live a Christlike life so we can best serve our Master in the Women's Missionary Society. Then our entire work will progress—go forward—be promoted, and we will know that we have served Him better than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. W. Juergensen.

Report of Thank Offering Secretary

According to records there is a small increase in Thank Offering Funds. A total of 25 public Thank Offering meetings were held. Our beloved missionary Miss Lilith Schwab was the speaker at a large majority of these meetings. We trust our missionary women will apprehend the vast needs now as never before and bring in an increase for the present year. "May we be cheerful, daily Givers as well as generous, prayerful Livers." (Study your Treasurer's report.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. C. Emmerich.

Report of the Student Secretary

The annual student census, sponsored by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church and carried out by the synodical committee on Work with Students in cooperation with the Women's Missionary Society, was begun the first week in September, 1941. Thirty-five congregations responded to the census, reporting 221 Lutheran Students attending 57 different institutions of higher learning. Seventeen of these students are attending Midland College or other Lutheran Schools.

The names of Lutheran Students were sent to our Lutheran pastors in student centers. Letters and articles for the Kansas Synod Lutheran were prepared in the interest of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alvin D. Havekost,
Student Secretary.

Report of the Deaconess Secretary

On June 22, 1941, the deaconess work was given emphasis in the Intermediate Department of the Church School in the form of a dialogue, one of the girls taking the part of a deaconess and several other girls representing prospective candidates. It was a program in which the young people were enlightened in the duties and purpose of a deaconess. Various pamphlets and leaflets were distributed among them. The work was also stressed and presented from the pulpit by Rev. A. J. Beil, our Pastor. An article was published in the February issue of the *Kansas Synod Lutheran*.

The deaconess has solved for herself this serious problem confronting every young woman seeking a satisfactory life work, by the decision; "I will serve the Lord in His needy and afflicted." And what shall be her reward? Her reward is the privilege of serving Him who has redeemed her on the cross. She is willing to bear burdens too heavy for others. When such a conviction becomes the controlling force in the life of any young woman, whether she be accomplished college woman or be of modest attainments, she will gladly serve others in the humble spirit of Jesus who washed His disciples' feet.

"Diaconate," a word derived from the Greek, means service, and is the term now used to designate the office of the Ministry of Mercy in the Christian Church. Surely there can be no greater investment than a full lifetime service in the Church such as that represented by our many faithful and devoted Sisters in our institutions and many fields, and may this be their memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Birdean Miles,

Report of Mission Study and Lenten Week of Prayer

Splendid reports are reaching me from the various societies of our Synod. Each year our missionary women realize the importance and value of Mission Study Classes.

The Lenten Week of Prayer or Devotional Groups, meeting during the Lenten Season feel the need of just such "close moments" with the Master to prepare them for the joy of the Easter Season.

Let us strive for more prayer and study to carry us to larger and better work in His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James O. Heifner.

Report of Extension Secretary

The challenge to extend interest and an active participation in the work of the church through the Women's Missionary Society is a definite call to the Extension Department.

The year 1941 shows 21 societies have reported, 760 homes have been visited, and 182 Quarterly Visitors have been distributed.

In a report of a January meeting in Philadelphia, we learn that there are over 441,000 women over 20 years of age in the U.L.C.A. Only 64,000 of these, 14.5 per cent, are members of the Women's Missionary Society.

During these distressing times, let us each one make a personal effort not only to maintain the present strength of church life, but to "carry on intensive individual work" and advance and increase in it.

Persistence, patience, and faith will win, if we faint not.

	No. homes visited	Quar. visitors	Homes not con. with Soc.
K. C., Mo., St. Marks, WMS	25		
K. C., Mo., Ch. Mem. "Luminaire"		25	
K. C., Kan., WMS-YW	120	3	78
Lawrence WMS	136	40	
St. Joseph WMS	15		
Emporia WMS	30		
Hutchinson Zion "Daughters"	10		
Oklahoma City "Mission Guild"	15	3	
Tulsa WMS	2		
Wichita WMS	231	40	*230
Wichita "Mission Daughters"	3	3	
Hays, Ks. WMS		16	
Salina WMS	16	20	
Waterville, Ks., "Hebron"	12		90
Wilson, Ks.	20	15	6
Wellington, Ks., WMS	10	3	
Atchison, WMS			
Bendena, Circle	0	0	10
Hutchinson, WMS	25	12	10
Kansas City, St. Mark's, WMS	75	12	265
Hays, WMS	15	5	65
	645	165	

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. D. Hoover, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT—JANUARY 1, 1941 TO DECEMBER 31, 1941

	Bank Fee	General Fund	Trial Fund	Synodical Fund	Lith Schab	Thank Offering	Self-Denial	Christmas Offering	In Memoriam	Life Memberships	India Centennial	Patron & Protectors	Home Tablets	Associate Members	India Lace	TOTALS
Ablene, Kansas		36.00	3.00	6.00	45.00	55.06	5.00	11.17			25.00				4.50	186.23
Atchison, Kansas		30.00	2.50	5.00	35.00	30.37	5.75	5.00		10.00	12.00					154.12
Atchison, Ks., Missionites		14.40		2.40	10.00	9.75					25.00					48.55
Beloit, Kansas	.05	10.80	.90	1.80	10.00	19.55					11.00					64.10
Benedena, Ks., Circle 1		28.00														51.00
Benedena, Ks., Circle 2	.05	30.05			10.00	10.80			15.00		4.00					44.80
Cole Camp, Mo.		6.95	60	1.20	6.20											33.35
Chapman, Kansas		14.40	1.20	2.40	10.00	21.03										33.25
Emporia, Kansas		14.40	1.20	2.40	15.00	2.55										33.25
Fowler, Kansas		14.54	2.00	3.00	30.00	6.92										57.17
Fort Smith, Ark.		12.50	1.50	3.00	12.50	16.27				10.00						87.56
Glasco, Kansas		15.00	1.50	2.60	5.00	3.75										71.75
Glasco, Kan., "Dau. of St. Paul"	.10	18.00						1.65					5.00		2.25	59.55
Greenleaf, Kansas		15.00	1.50	3.00	22.50	30.60	4.51				12.00					83.00
Harrison, Kansas		12.50	2.70		15.75	40.25	5.51	5.96			8.50	12.00				131.75
Hatchinson, Kansas		12.50	1.50	1.00	19.00	7.50					1.20	5.00				37.00
Hutch, Ks., "Zion's Dau."		5.00		1.20	4.00											19.80
Kansas City, Kansas	.20	19.20	1.60	3.20	24.00	37.72	10.62	10.48	15.00	50.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	184.02
Ks. C. K., "Children"	.05	22.00	1.90	3.80	19.00	47.15	6.25	2.56			21.15			6.00	1.50	119.50
Ks. C. K., "Chill Men"	.10	22.00	2.00	4.00	30.00	44.15			25.00		27.50			1.00		150.50
Ks. C. K. Co., "Ch. Men"		30.20	2.00	4.00	34.75	115.18					20.46	40.00				251.63
Ks. C. K. Co., "St. Marks"	.15	43.20	3.60	7.20	59.00	92.00	5.00	10.00	15.00		55.00		35.00	18.00	12.50	420.65
Ks. C. K. Co., "St. Mt." "K. Dau."		21.90	1.50	3.00	22.15	17.15					18.50					81.20
Lancaster, Kansas		15.60	1.50	2.60	15.70	24.60				10.00	9.35					75.55
Lawrence, Kansas	.10	27.60	2.50	4.50	34.50	82.00	12.00	6.50	15.00	10.00	12.00			4.00	16.00	229.00
Lawrence, Ks., "Naomi Gr."		13.20			15.13	12.25										49.55
Morgan-Troy, Kansas		15.90	1.20	2.40	19.50	12.25					15.00					61.00
Oklahoma City, Okla.		30.00	2.50	5.00	47.50	62.88	10.46	6.75	20.00		25.00	50.00		1.00	9.38	270.66
Oklahoma City, Okla., "Miss. Gd"	.05	34.80	2.90	5.80	45.50	52.25					9.00		34.23	3.00		203.71
Penbody, Kansas		6.85	.50	1.00	3.95	9.40	.60				4.00					26.30
Penbody, Ks., "Martha Soc."	.05	18.35		4.80	10.00	18.00					6.15	50.00		5.00		82.30
Peck Port, Mo.						39.95										94.11

Salina, Ka., Circle 1	.05	35.16	2.60	5.20	45.75	50.91	2.99	10.00	40.51	5.00	28.00	4.03	202.14
Salina, Ka. Circle 2	.05	12.80	1.10	2.20	8.87	20.31			22.80	50.00	15.31	45.43	
St. Joseph, Mo.	.08	3.30	4.00	1.00	60.00	109.65	18.78				1.30	364.62	
Sedalia, Mo.		3.30	.50				3.70					8.80	
Topeka, Ka., Circle 1		19.20		4.80	24.00	19.12			11.45			78.97	
Topeka, Ka., Circle 2		7.40										7.40	
Tulsa, Okla.		28.50	2.40	4.80	36.00	42.65	20.00		24.00	10.00	8.17	183.57	
Tulsa, Okla., "Missionites"	.10	21.90	2.20	4.40	28.50	17.44			19.00	8.94	5.17	110.66	
Valley Falls, Kansas			.60	1.20	3.11				5.23			3.65	
V. Falls, Ka., "Loth. Guild"		13.50										23.64	
Wakeeney, Kansas	.05	18.00	1.50	3.00	22.50	20.60			8.33	5.00		80.83	
Washington, Kansas	.05	19.30			24.00	49.50			10.50		5.00	108.35	
Waterville, Ka., "Hebron"		23.00			10.00	4.00	4.00	20.00	5.80		3.00	49.00	
Waterville, Ka., "St. Mks."		11.90	.50	1.00	1.50			30.00	4.00			47.55	
Wellington, Kansas		14.40	1.20	2.40	21.16	20.46			5.25			67.37	
Wellington, Ka., "Fidelis Club"		6.00										6.00	
Wichita, Kansas	.10	41.70	3.60	7.20	62.14	140.34	17.64	10.00	40.43	40.00	26.75	472.55	
Wichita, Ka., "Miss. Daug."	.05	40.50	3.60	7.20	33.75	72.60	45	10.00	36.81	55.00	133.65	408.90	
Wilson, Kansas	.05	26.85	2.10	4.20	5.00	22.00	1.25		15.75		7.00	79.55	
Western Conference	.06				27.95				41.25			69.26	
Conv. Offer. Law. Ka.	.05				7.55							7.60	
Conv. Offer. In. Cent.				54.31								54.31	
Total Receipts	1.59	1020.99	68.70	202.31	1071.75	1485.37	138.89	84.51	110.00	210.00	719.23	317.00	310.57
Bal. on hand 12-31-40			14.39	86.11									160.41
Grand Total	1.59	1020.99	83.00	288.42	1071.75	1485.37	138.89	84.51	110.00	210.00	719.23	317.00	310.57
Disbursed in 1941			69.80	213.59	1060.00	1485.37	138.89	84.51	111.00	210.00	719.23	317.00	310.57
Bal. in funds 12-31-41	.90		13.20	74.83	71.75								160.68

• Glasco, Kansas, "Daughters of St. Paul"—\$5.00 for Lutheran World Action—Amt. included in Total.
 • Kansas City, Mo., "Ch. Mem." "Luminaires"—\$10.00 for Rocky Boy—Amt. included in Total.
 • Kansas City, Mo., "St. Mark's"—\$15.00 Leper Fund—Amt. included in Total.
 • Lawrence, Kansas—\$1.50 Camp Wa-Shun-Ga—\$1.00 Box Work—Amt. included in Total.
 • Okfusoma City, Okla., "Mission Guild"—\$16.23 Lutheran World Action—Amt. included in Total.
 • Tulsa, Okla.—\$6.75 Rocky Boy—Amt. included in Total.
 • Wakeeney, Kansas—\$1.85 Interdenominational Migrant Work—Amt. included in Total.
 • Waterville, Kansas—"St. Mark's"—\$1.15 World Day of Prayer—Amt. included in Total.
 • Wichita, Kansas, "Mission Daughters"—\$8.19 World Day of Prayer—Amt. included in Total.
 • Convention Offering for India Centennial—\$9.10 Synodical India Centennial—Amt. included in Total.

STATISTICAL REPORT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—1941 Eastern Conference

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										No. Study Groups	A. B. C. D	No. Study Groups	Foreign	No. Persons in Groups	No. Completing Reading Course					Observe Week of Prayer	Number of Meetings Held	No. Use Programs by Educ. Div.?	No. Magazine Subscriptions	No. of Other Proteges, etc.	No. Pub. Thank-Offering Services	No. Boxes to Home Missions	No. Boxes to Foreign Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year		
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1 Beloit, W.M.S.	15	15	15																												
1 Chapman, W.M.S.	2	15	17																												
1 Greenleaf, W.M.S. Trinity	1	1	1																												
1 St. Paul's W.M.S.	1	8	9																												
1 Glasco, W.M.S.	1	1	1																												
Daughter of St. Paul	1	1	1																												
1 Hays, W.M.S.	1	1	1																												
** Y.W.M.S.	1	1	1																												
1 Salina, W.M.S.	35	35	35																												
Even. Sec.	1	1	1																												
1 Wakeley, W.M.S.	1	1	1																												
1 Waterville, Hebron	4	24	28																												
1 W. St. Michael	2	18	20																												
1 Wilcox, Excelsior	2	18	20																												
10 TOTALS	25	172	196																												
12 Eastern Conference	50	302	352																												
3 Southern Conf.	72	189	258																												
10 Western Conf.	25	218	242																												
31 Sum Totals	147	708	852																												

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No Meetings This Year
No Ladies Institutions—8
In Non-Lutheran Institutions—48
Nurses in Training—8

ROLL OF OFFICERS—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1942

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Eastern Conference				
Atchison, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. W. B. Wippenreid	201 N. 10th	Mrs. Paul Tonsing	315 N. Terrace
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Emporia, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. E. T. Anderson	R. 2, Emporia, Kansas	Mrs. Alvin King	801 Peyton
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Hutchinson, Kan. Zion Daugh.	Mrs. E. Wells	R. 3, Hutchinson, Ka.	Mrs. Alice Gaye	808 E. 7th
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Okla. City, Okla. Mission Guild	Mrs. Grace Dambold	69th & Santa Fe	Mrs. Vernice Sellman	1541 N. W. 34th
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Wellington, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Catherine Dyarman	Wellington, Kansas	Mrs. Dorothea Moser	Wellington, Kansas
Wichita, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. F. F. Snowhill	727 Ellis	Mrs. A. R. Johnson	236 S. Holyoke
Wichita, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Josephine Drowatzky	2321 No. Arkansas	Mrs. R. L. Mann	442 N. Grove
Western Conference				
Abilene, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Burl Pepper	916 N. W. 2nd	Mrs. J. E. Roop	RFD, Abilene
Beloit, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. J. A. Quinn	Beloit, Kansas	Mrs. P. W. Schulz	410 E. 3rd
Chapman, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Sarah Love	Chapman, Kansas	Mrs. Ira Koogle	Chapman
Glasco, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Elizabeth Grau	Glasco, Kansas	Mrs. Frances Gritman	Glasco
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Hayes, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. Elizabeth Stout	414 W. 13th	Mrs. B. R. Lantz	310 S. 7th
Salina, Kan. W.M.S.	Mrs. H. J. Ruhling	305 S. 8th	Mrs. Vera Lane	324 W. 3rd
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